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Nation's Choice Falls On

Maulana Azad As Its Tribune

ROY'S CHALLENGE FALLS FLAT

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

STUNNING DEFEAT In Fight For CONGRESS CROWN

"LEFT" DISOWNS HIM AND HIS CRY FOR ALTERNATIVE LEADERSHIP

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, as was only to be expected, has been elected President of the Indian National Congress for this year in the contest by the huge margin of 1841 votes against 181 polled by Mr. M. N. Roy.

NO NEED FOR IT

The contest this year had particular significance as Mr. Roy took his stand on a definite principle and positive plan of action.

The delegates were faced with the poser: "Does the Congress need an alternative leadership"? For this was the slogan that the group which Mr. Roy leads had raised for some time now.

CRUSHING DEFEAT

The defeat inflicted on him once for all settles the issue. And that is that the Congress is safe in the hands of those who lead it to-day under the guidance and inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi.

"LEFT" DISOWNS HIM

What is notable in the analysis of the voting is that even the "Left" has repudiated him. The Socialists to a man voted for Maulana Azad. The Forward Bloc and the Communists remained neutral.

The following is the election result:—

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MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 19.
M. N. ROY: 1.
Four delegates remained neutral.
POSITION AT 6-15 P.M.

MAHARASHTRA

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 127.
M. N. ROY: 17.
Twenty-two voters did not cast their votes, while eight members were absent.

VIDHARBHA (BERAR)

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 26.
M. N. ROY: 5.

C. P. (MARATHI)

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 21.
M. N. ROY: 4.

ASSAM

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 45.
M. N. ROY: 3.
Four delegates remained neutral; eight were absent.

ANDHRA

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 173.
M. N. ROY: 15.

ORISSA

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 119;
M. N. ROY: 4.

KERALA

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: 86.
M. N. ROY: 1.

Gujerat

MAULANA AZAD: 111
M. N. ROY: 1

Mahakosal

MAULANA AZAD: 97
M. N. ROY: 9

Tamil Nad

MAULANA AZAD: 178
M. N. ROY: 9

United Provinces

MAULANA AZAD: 272
M. N. ROY: 49

The Punjab

MAULANA AZAD: 188
M. N. ROY: 23

Bihar

MAULANA AZAD: 239
M. N. ROY: 19
65 delegates could not participate in the voting due to preoccupation at Ramgarh in connection with the ensuing Congress session.

North-West Frontier

MAULANA AZAD: 48
M. N. ROY: 2

Ajmere

MAULANA AZAD: 3
M. N. ROY: 0

KARNATAK

MAULANA AZAD: 92
M. N. ROY: 19

Finland's Heroic Resistance
See Page 10

Sind Ministry Resigns

KARACHI, Feb. 15.

It is now officially confirmed that Premier Khan Bahadur Alla Baksh tendered the resignation of his cabinet this afternoon.

It is understood that till the Governor makes other arrangements for the administration of the Province, he has asked Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh to continue.—A. P.

Mr. M. N. Roy.

DELHI

The Delhi Congress Province took no part to-day in the election of the President of the Ramgarh Session nor will it be represented at the Session.

AHMEDABAD LABOUR ASSOCIATION HAS

NO ALTERNATIVE TO GENERAL STRIKE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15.

Latest information indicates that the negotiations between the Labour Association and the Millowners have completely broken down and it is stated that the Association will declare a general strike on the 20th or 22nd instant.

Sardar Patel is arriving to-morrow. It is understood that he will invite both parties for discussion and try to bring about a settlement.

German Reply To

PAN AMERICAN PLAN

BERLIN, Feb. 15.

The German Government has published its reply to the Note of 21 American Republics declaring that a 300-mile security zone has been set up around the American Continent.

The reply states that only if the British and French attitudes towards the plan were revised, could Germany seriously hope of discussing the safety zone.

The reply also rejects the protest of the American Republics against the operation of German warships and adds that the German Government would be prepared to enter into further exchange of views on the subject.

BENGAL'S BUDGET

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

Budget estimates for 1940-41 were presented by the Hon. Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Finance Minister, in the Bengal Assembly the budget session of which commenced to-day with Khan Bahadur Azizul Haque in the Chair.

Revenue receipts were placed at Rs. 13,97,00,000 and expenditure on revenue account was placed at Rs. 14,54,00,000 leaving a deficit of Rs. 57,00,000 which would reduce the opening balance of Rs. 1,55,00,000 to Rs. 98,00,000.

There will be a deficit of Rs. 26,00,000 under the capital and debt deposit section which would further reduce the opening balance to Rs. 70,00,000.

A Way Out Of Indian Deadlock

LONDON, Feb. 15.

Discussing the present deadlock in the Indian constitutional situation, Mr. W. N. Ewer, "Daily Herald's" Diplomatic Correspondent, asks if it is not time for Indian leaders to try other methods.

He adds: "Suppose Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Gandhi stood aside for a bit and let others try? Would it not be possible to set up a tribunal which both would accept?"

Mr. Ewer suggests that a Hindu judge of eminence should be chosen by the Congress and a Muslim judge of eminence should be chosen by the Muslim League and a chairman of equal standing should be chosen by both, preferably neither from India nor from Britain but from one of the Dominions.—Reuter.

Muslim Anti-Bolshevism Front

British Move In Middle East

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 15.

Discussing in his weekly "News Letter" the possibility of the formation of a "Moslem front against Bolshevism". Mr. Claud Cockburn—who has been refused permission to visit Finland—says that important negotiations in the Middle East paralleling a large scale military preparations there are taking place. The negotiations have obvious bearing not only in the question of a alternative front in the Middle East but also on the situation within India and the attitude of the British Government towards the Moslem League Mr. Cockburn adds that although negotiations have progressed more or less satisfactorily for the British Government, the question of the possible Caliphate has not yet been resolved—still less the personality of the Caliph to be from the British point of view. King Farouk would be the logical candidate but conversations with other key Moslems have not so far brought an agreement.

INFLUENZA RAGING IN SIEGFRIED LINE

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15

Influenza is sweeping through the Siegfried Line and claiming many victims, according to a reliable source at Eupen on the Belgian-German frontier.

It is stated that several German watering-planes are full of sick soldiers, one Wesphalian spa having 2,000 men under treatment.

SUBHAS BOSE SENDS

CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO MAHATMA

PLAN OF ACTION FOR CONGRESS

Gandhiji To Utilise Visit To Shantiniketan For Rapprochement

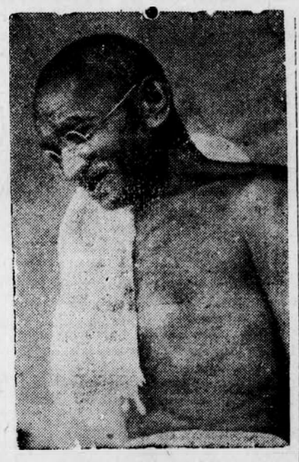
WARDHA, Feb. 15.

The Secretary of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, who arrived here to-day from Calcutta, is understood to have brought with him a confidential letter to Mahatma Gandhi.

The contents of the letter are not known, but Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have informed Mr. Bose's Secretary that he would reply later to Mr. Bose.

It is believed that Mr. Bose has made certain proposals relating to the future programme of the Congress.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi will utilise his visit to Santiniketan in bringing about a rapprochement between the opposing groups in the Bengal Congress.—A. P.



Mahatma Gandhi.

U. S. PRESIDENT'S SON AND WIFE

Plan Divorce

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.

According to the New York "Times", Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, and wife are planning divorce action in California Courts. The grounds for the suit are not known.—Reuter.

On Western Front

GERMAN ATTEMPT TO RAID POST

Heavy Snowfall Results To Minimum Activity

PARIS, Feb. 15.

A communique says: Yesterday at nightfall in the region east of the Saar, there was local action between contact units.

Heavy snowfalls have reduced all movement to a minimum on the Western Front. The weather, however, is now slightly less cold. Air activity is at a complete standstill owing to bad visibility.

Two incidents, both west of the Saar, are reported to-day in Army Communique.

At one point at the corner of a wood, Germans attempted to raid a post but the first burst of fire sent them hurrying back.

At nightfall, a German patrol which had approached too near one of our posts was dispersed by French fire and left some men on the ground.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM

BERLIN: A "communique" states that several prisoners were made during reconnaissance activity south of Saarbruecken and also claims that 58,000 tons of shipping was sunk by U-boats on February 14.

LONDON: The above figure contrasts with 31,000 mentioned in the Admiralty communique.

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By order of the
Vice-Chancellor,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 16th February, 1940.
(1948)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 94 of 1940.

SUMMARY SUIT.

Plaint filed this 19th day of January, 1940.

Summons under O. XXXVII. r. 2. of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Messrs. SAGARMAL JAWANTRAJ AND CO., a registered partnership firm, carrying on business at No. 508 Central Street, Poona. ..... Plaintiffs

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Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

WITNESS Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid this 24th day of January, 1940.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

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Health Units In Deccan Villages

Educating Public Opinion On Health & Sanitation

With the help of the Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, a Health Unit has been established in Bombay Province with headquarters at Sirur. Its activities will cover an area comprising Sirur and 48 neighbouring villages in Sirur Peta (Poona District) and Parner Taluka (Ahmednagar District).

The health unit is in charge of a highly qualified Medical Officer of Health and the technical staff consists of a lady doctor, four qualified health visitors, eight qualified midwives, and four qualified sanitary inspectors, says a communique from the Director of Information.

The health visitors, midwives, and sanitary inspectors will be posted at suitable villages, which form sub-centres for the surrounding area which is allotted to each. Provisionally, in addition to Sirur, Talegaon Dhamdhere, Amble, and Javle, have been fixed as the headquarters of the health visitors and Malthan, Kondhapuri, Talegaon Dhamdhere, Ranjangaon-Ganapati, Amble, Pimpalner, Javle and Sirur as headquarters of the midwives.

The main function of the unit is to rouse local interest in health problems by education of the public and propaganda by the staff. Preventive and remedial measures which are sufficiently simple and inexpensive to be within the means of the rural population will be outlined.

Apart from the general improvement of the sanitary condition of the area, the other main activities of the unit will be to take measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of epidemic diseases such as cholera, smallpox and plague; to provide trained midwives to the village population; the care of mothers before and after confinement and the care of infants of pre-school age, and the regular medical inspection of all school children and the remedying of minor defects.

Need For Organization Of Stenographers

Mr. M. N. Rajan, F.I.S., of the All-India Institute of Stenographers, Calcutta, presiding over the second annual general meeting of the Saraswati Commercial Institute Students' Association, Bombay, said that as stenographers as a class, had not realised the importance of united team work they had suffered terribly during the last two decades. Since the last war, while every other class of profession had by united work managed to increase their emoluments and working comforts, stenographers had lost their ground badly. Where previously an average stenographer easily received a salary of Rs. 150 to Rs. 200 per month, now even the best of them, if he were to compete in the open markets, could not fetch more than Rs. 100 or Rs. 120. The average stenographer had to be satisfied with somewhereabout Rs. 60 to Rs. 90.

Ill-trained and ill-equipped men posing as stenographers had killed the prospect for the correct type of men and had proved the despair of the unfortunate employers of such stenographers.

The All-India Institute of Stenographers is working to better the lot of the stenographers, but no effort can be a success until each and every practising stenographer joins such an organisation and tries his level best for the profession to which he has chosen to belong.

After the adoption of the report and election of office-bearers for the ensuing year the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair by Principal S. S. Nath.

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Excess Profits Bill Must Be Amended

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER CHIEF CHARGES GOVT. WITH NEGLECT OF INDIA'S DEFENCE

"The Excess Profits Tax will retard the expansion of existing business and industry and prevent the inception of new business and industry in British India, causing their migration to Indian States", observed Mr. M. L Dahanukar presiding over the 1st quarterly general meeting of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's premises on Wednesday afternoon.

INDIA'S QUEER POSITION

Continuing he said that it was a well-known fact that though India is at war, she was not in the same position as the other members of the British Commonwealth, and so what held good for other parts of the Empire with regard to war-profits did not hold good for India. He also regretted that the Government had departed from the universal principle of first revealing to the Legislature and the public their exact budgetary position before bringing forward a taxation measure of this type. He doubted if Indian business and industry have the necessary "onward push" to assure a continuance of the profits. Whatever they had earned was but their legitimate profits, after suffering from a number of bad years.

He also criticised as "unfair and unjust" the proposal to tax the Excess Profits of the financial year 1939-40, as there was no war-profit before September, 1939.

PLEA FOR MODIFICATION

He suggested that, if the Government were determined to introduce the Bill, they should make the personnel of the Select Committee truly representative so that modifications could be introduced with regard to standard profits period, the lowest taxable limits of standard profits, the duration of the measure, and the level of taxation.

GOVT.'S OMISSIONS

Referring to war economy as it concerned India, the speaker expressed the opinion that Indian war economy, due to her peculiar position, had the triple features of a belligerent country, a neutral country and a neutral country in immediate proximity of a belligerent.

Even though "the ominous shadows of the coming catastrophe" were long visible no serious thought was given by the Government of India to the question of evolving any clear economic policy to meet conditions that would arise in war time or those that would come in peace later on. The position of Indian Defence would have been much more satisfactory if Britain had utilised the two decades, following the last war, for establishing in the country up-to-date armaments' factories.

Continuing, he referred to the progress India had made in her industries since the last war. This progress was marked in the textile industry, which had replaced 75 per cent of the yardage of cotton fabrics, which was imported 20 years ago.

INDO-JAPAN PACT

As regards the Indo-Japanese Trade Agreement he hoped that the Government would be firm regarding increased Japanese offtake of Indian Cotton and lesser imports of Japanese Cotton piecegoods into India.

He congratulated Mr. Walchand Hirachand for acquiring the Agency of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company.

The meeting dispersed after light refreshments.

PROBLEMS OF SANITATION IN INDIA

Lecture At Blavatsky Lodge

Under the joint auspices of the Nations' League Of Pen-Friends and the Youth Lodge, Theosophical Society, the fifth lecture of Pen-Friends' Series of Educational Lectures was delivered on Tuesday, at the Muslim Students' Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, by Dr Rustom Jal Vakil, while Dr Shapoorji A. Banker presided.

The audience included well-known doctors medical and science students of different colleges, and the professors and teachers of various colleges and schools.

Dr. Rustom Jal Vakil, delivered a very instructive lecture with the aid of magic lantern showing the root causes of all kinds or diseases and how they spread unchecked on account of the absence of proper methods of sanitation and hygiene in India.

He also showed how the same problems were dealt with in Europe and in America, their methods in the treatment and cure of different diseases, like malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy, etc., thus showing what improvements could be made in India.

Dr. Shapoorji A. Banker spoke highly of the speaker, and his knowledge on the subject.

V. J. T. Institute Association Social

The Annual Social Gathering of the V. J. T. Institute Association was held on Saturday last when Prof. G. R. Paranjpe, Principal of the Royal Institute of Science, presided. There was a large gathering not only of past and present students but distinguished persons from the industry.

The extent to which the Association had carried out its progress during the year was made known by Mr. K. C. Saha, the Secretary of the Association, in the report that he read at the gathering. Mr. J. F. Valladares, as Vice-President of the Association in welcoming the president and the guests said that every effort was being made to raise the standard of technical training in the department. That already the scheme for affiliation of the department to the University of Bombay was engaging the attention of the Board of Management of the Institute and within a short time their efforts in this direction would be crowned with success.

The President Prof. Paranjpe brought home to the minds of the students that with a purpose the student should join the Institute and lay the foundation of a worthy future career when they have opened up their vesta of knowledge in technical training.

INCLUSION OF HINDUSTANI IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Students' Federation Supports Mrs. Munshi's Move

The General Secretary, the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation, writes:

The Bombay Presidency Students' Federation heartily supports the move of Mrs. Lilavati Munshi seeking for the inclusion of Hindustani in the High school curriculum.

The Federation also heartily welcomes the move of Dr. B. G. Vad proposing a course for the studies of Military science. Recognising the necessity of opening such a department, the Federation recommends that this course should include the problems of National Defence and should be in keeping with the ideological development of the youth of the country.

The Federation requests every member of the Senate to accept these proposals and our suggestions.

PROF. KALE ON EXCESS PROFITS TAX

POONA, (By Mail.)

A plea that the life of the Excess Profits Tax Bill should, in the first instance, be one year was made by Prof. V. G. Kale, presiding over a meeting, under the auspices of the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce and Industries. Prof. Kale described the Bill as, in effect, a tax on capital. It was highly inopportune and would put a heavy burden on industries and commerce in India.

He criticised Government's proposal to tax profits accrued during the financial year ended March, 1940.

The meeting passed a resolution of protest on the proposed measure.

M. & R. Tata High School Annual Day

(From A Correspondent.)

BILLIMORA, (By Mail.)

The First Prize Distribution Gathering of the M. and R. Tata High School, Billimora, was held under the presidentship of Dr. J. M. Mehta, the head of the Baroda Education Department.

Mr. C. H. Desai, the Headmaster, in his welcome speech, referred to the various activities of the school, such as Red Cross training, scouting students' cooperative stores, excursions, organization of games, debating and dramatic clubs, students' magazine, etc.

Mr. J. M. Mehta, congratulated the school authorities on the all-round progress made by the school.

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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, FEB. 16.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Mukerjee and Chatterjee: Piano and Violin. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Soz and Marsiah. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Cookery Hints. 9-15 Premabai Kumthekar. 9-25 Naghma-I-Santosh: Orchestra. 9-28 Wamanrao Padhye of Kolhapur. 9-50 The Bombay Radio Orchestra.

12-30 p.m. Naats. 12-40 Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Dugane. 1-10 Mutual understanding: Daily lesson in Eng. and Hind. 1-25 Twin Orchestra: Party Orchestra. 1-30 News in Eng. 1-35 Lunch hour music and school broadcast. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 Science: Chemistry of Food, 2: Talk. 2 50 An alien air. 3 Hindustani Lesson by Munshiji.

5 p.m. You asked for it. 5-10 Selected by V. S. Nerurkar. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by Sona Gangriwalla. 5-45 Selected by Shah Zamani Begam. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Amateur attempts. 6-30 Madhusudhan Acharya. 6-45 Jai-Durga. 7 Amongst the masses: In the Mill: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 Eknath Hatisker and party. 7-30 Nagaswaram. 7-35 Premabai Kumthekar. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Among the new books: Book review. 8-45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C relay. 9-45 Nabi-ke-Duar: Jaffar Qawwal, Bashir Qawwal and Rafique Qawwal. 9-55 Wamanrao Padhye. 10-20 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 10 30 News in English. Close down.

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Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. to 8-15 As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Nautch Music. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Firoze Dastur. 9 Topical Talk in Gujarati. 9-15 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 p.m. to 12-57 As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Farid and Orchestra Mouth Organ, Violin and Banjo. 1 to 1 30 As in Bombay 1 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 3 15 As in Bombay 1.

£1.45 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Geets galore. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 5 For Children (Eng.) 7 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Firoze Dastur. 8 Wamanrao Padhye. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Firoze Dastur. 9-30 Korshed M. Joshi: Soprano. 9 40 Mischa Elman: Violin. 9-50 The Orcnestra of H. E. the Governor of Bombay. 10-30 News in English.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Sawai Gandharv. 5-40 Alexander Brailowsky: Pianoforte. 6-15 Gajrabal. 6-30 Hindustani Literature par Ghalib ka Asar: Talk in Hind. 6-45 B. S. Rawat. 7 For Villagers only. 8 A German refugee's account of events in Germany. 8-5 Lachhi Ram. 8-15 The books I have been reading: Talk. 8-30 Ghalib meets his critics: Featured sketch in Hindustani. 8-50 Instrumental duet. 10 Sawai Gandharv. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 7 As in Delhi 1. 7 Gajrabal. 7-15 Lachhi Ram. 7-30 A Violin recital. 7-45 B. S. Rawat. 8 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 A Violin and Pianoforte recital.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Damyanti Madan. 7-10 Ramanand Sharma. 7-30 The Punjabi Muse. 3: Talk in Punjabi. 7-45 Eman on Sitar. 7-55 Damyanti Madan. 8-5 Bawa Ganpati of Multan. 8-15 The Bottom of the Ladder, 3: Lawyer: Talk. 8-30 Ramanand Sharma. 8-50 Instrumental interlude 9-50 Violin and Piano recital.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. A few moments with you on Flute. 5-5 Kashi Nath Chatterjee, 5-35 Sudhir Chakravarti. 5-50 Diner Seshe: Violin. 6-5 Gramer Pathe. 7 Sudhir Chakravarti. 7-20 Dipali Gupta. 7-30 Suruchi Mazumder. 7-45 To our Listeners: Talk in Bengali. 8 Suruchi Mazumder. 8-15 Kashinath Chatterjee. 9-5 Sitar recital. 9-45 The Three L's: Love, Life and Laughter.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the Children. 5-50 For the children (Contd.) 6-10 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-45 Janani Janmabhumi. 9 H. E. Gardner: Tenor. 9-45 Orchestral programme.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Belarani Sen. 9-50 Bhutnath Sarkar. 10-5 Girin Chakravarti.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Rarely sung. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar: For rural areas. 7 Ek tha Raja: For children only. 7-30 Looking Back, 3: Talk in Hindustani. 7-45 Pagal. 8 The Background of a Dictator, 1: Feature programme. 8-30 Dadra: Krishnabai. 8-35 Shaheedan-i-Karbala. 8-50 Pardesi Saiyan: Krishnabai and D. C. Dutt. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Giridhari: D C. Dutt. 10 Sorgs from Features. 10-15 Some Midnight Ragas: Krishnabai.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Children's educational broadcasts (Telugu). 4-30 European programme. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 S. Naganatha Iyer. 6-5 Light variety. 6-30 Shrimati C. S. Rajam. 7 Week by week: Weekly discussion in Tamil of world events. 7-15 Interlude. 7-50 T. Puttuswamiah. 8-30 R. Nagarajarao of Kumbakonam: Flute. 9 World Events: A Causerie (Eng.) 9-15 Interlude. 9-45 T. S. Srinivasarao.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-30 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 A Trio Programme. 9-50 Theodore Chaliapine. 10-5 Bach's Keyboard Music: Piano.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 M. S. Muthu Krishnan. 6 5 For the villages. 6-30 Tiruvizhimizhalai, A. R. S. Subramaniam Pillai Brothers: Nagaswaram. 7 World Affairs (relayed from B B C). 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Shrimati C. S. Saradambal. 8-30 Tiruvizhimizhalai, AR. S. Subramaniam Pillai Brothers: Nagaswaram. 9-45 Shrimati C. S. Saradambal.

Radio Research: When Reception Is Better

Studies of reception conditions, particularly with reference to the internal short-wave service, are made by the All-India Radio. Pulse measurements are taken, and the results so far obtained show that the transmissions on the 31 meter band in the morning give somewhat unsatisfactory reception within 300 miles of the transmitting station during July and August, due to the intervention of "skip distance" effects. Research in this matter is being made with an exhaustive study of ionospheric conditions.

Frequencies of the stations of All-India Radio are checked regularly by the research workers at the Todapur Receiving Centre of Delhi. Any appreciable deviation is rectified. Reception conditions of the British Broadcasting Corporation Stations are also kept under continual observation.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15
Calcutta Mail (Express)	6-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mcn.)	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

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Trade Buying And Covering In N. Y. Cotton Market

BOMBAY SELLING AND LIGHT HEDGING

Undertone Steady With Routine Trading

Bombay, Feb 15

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market advanced on steadier foreign markets with gains later extended slightly on routine trading. Textiles continue quiet on reports of curtailment in some sections.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service estimates cotton consumption by American Mills at 735,000 bales for the month of January 1940 which was quite satisfactory but owing to absence of important fresh business in some sections, Mills are curtailing production. This may slow down demand for cotton but in turn will keep up steady position of dry goods market.

American operators are keenly watching Washington developments and are following political trends in European situation. It is generally believed that a prolonged war must eventually cause inflation and higher prices are expected eventually. The sterling is devalued by 20 per cent in term of the dollar and at present payments against purchases are met from foreign credits but no country will prefer to get all sources exhausted. At present exchanges are controlled but the future depends upon political developments in Europe and extension of war.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady and advanced on trade and New Orleans buying which absorbed Bombay selling and light hedging.

Later small price fixing and limited offerings were in evidence. Finally renewed trade buying and local covering appeared with the session closing steady.

At the opening March was quoted one point up at 10.91 which was the lowest level for the day. Later on there was fairly active buying and March advanced to 11.00 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 9 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 10 points at 11.11c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also steady with a moderate support and closed at a rise of 9 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices gained 7 points at 10.67c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 7 points with March 7.92. The market was very quiet and narrow following absorbtion of Bombay straddle selling and later steadied on local support. There was buying on lower New York sterling which was offset by light hedging. The market closed at a net decline of 1 to 2 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 13 points at 8.14d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was also quietly steady. Uppers futures gained 1 to 4 points and Giza futures advanced 1 to 7 points. The Alexandria cotton market was narrow and Sakels improved 25 to 17 points but Ashmouni futures closed 2 points down to 2 points up.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (2-54 p.m.)	11.00+10
New York March lowest (10 a.m.)	10.91+01
Liverpool March highest	7.99
Liverpool March lowest	7.91—08

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from the New York Cotton Exchange Service:—

We estimate domestic consumption of all cotton in January at 735,000 bales; the average consumption per working day during January was 32,300 bales.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Cotton market steady, somewhat increased mill fixing. Prefer purchases on setbacks. Rubber favour purchases May, also forward tin.

New York: Market steady small trade demand and light hedge selling.

NEW YORK COTTON

(New Contracts)

New York, Feb 14

March	11.13+10
May	10.87+12
July	10.47+08
October	9.72+12
December	9.59+12

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 14

March	11.00+10
May	10.73+12
July	10.33+09
October	9.72+12
Middling Spot	11.11+10

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb 14

March	11.11+09
May	10.82+08
July	10.42+06
Middling Spot	10.67+07

NEW YORK

New York, Feb 14

11 a.m. rates Noon call

March	10.95/10.95	10.95
May	10.58/10.58	10.67
July	10.28/10.28	10.28

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Feb 14

Bales.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	22,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	31,000
Day's exports to the Continent	17,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	15,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 14

February	7.97—02
March	7.97—02
April	7.97—02
May	7.97—02
June	7.96—02
July	7.96—01
August	7.90—01
September	7.85—01
October	7.79—02
November	7.74—01
December	7.72
January	7.69
February	7.66
March	7.64
May	7.59
Middling Spot	8.14—13

10-45 a.m. quotations

March	7.93
May	7.94

DOWNWARD TREND OF YARN PRICES

Absence Of Demand

Bombay, Feb 14

The week under review has been full of various rumours regarding Peace proposals and counter proposals and naturally almost all markets have moved irregular and uncertain with a distinctly downward tendency at the close. Cotton prices after showing some improvement during the last few days again slumped to about Rs. 255 for April/May Broach with an uncertain undertone. Similarly prices on the Yarn Exchange have eased off to Rs. 211 and even at this price sellers have been predominant. There has been continued lack of confidence amongst the buyers and the consumers and turnover during the week has therefore been very restricted. Reports from almost all consuming districts are far from satisfactory and it is further reported that everywhere demand has fallen off even at the present low level of prices which is outwardly very tempting. Local mills on the other hand have been constantly complaining about the present unremunerative prices and have not been able to make any sales of importance as the prices offered to them have been much too low and considerably below cost. Handloom weavers have been curtailing their productions on account of not being able to realise any satisfactory prices for their products inspite of the present low level of prices for yarns. Stock with the dealers in the local market as well as in upcountry markets are not very large but some of the weak-holders have been pressing sales at market rates with the result that prices have been declining in the absence of any important business passing. As regards Export markets there has been no important business possible on account of absence of satisfactory demand during the last few days. The future tendency of the market is still uncertain.

ENGLISH YARNS

There has been no possibility of any business in English yarns pending the war situation.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS

A further decline in prices of Japanese and Shanghai cotton yarns has taken place during the week owing to continued absence of satisfactory demand from the consuming districts and also due to lack of confidence amongst the dealers and consumers in the present level of prices. Arrivals from Japan continue to remain large but so long as the Japanese Spinners will be quoting higher prices and so long as the replacing costs will be higher there is no fear of a sharp or sudden decline in prices in these yarns. As regards Mercerised yarns speculative turnover is now very restricted and prices have continued to decline further on account of large stocks and very limited offtake. Fresh forward business is practically very small on account of disparity in prices. Exchange has remained practically unchanged during the week.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS

Italian Syndicate prices have remained unchanged during the week. There has been no important sales of Italian yarns either from stock or for forward deliveries on account of comparatively higher prices demanded by the Italian Syndicate. There have been some enquiries for cheap grade dull lustred yarns but stocks are negligible. In case of Japanese yarns however there has been increased turnover owing to comparatively cheaper prices as compared with Italian qualities. Enquiries have increased in Japanese yarns during the week but prices have eased off to some extent on account of very small business passing. There have been rumours of increase in Customs duty in the next Budget of the Government of India and sellers have been holding off at the moment. Japanese spinners have been quoting still higher prices and no fresh business of importance has therefore been possible during the week. In case of Staple Fibre Yarns prices have declined to some extent and the turnover has been much smaller than for the last several days. The future tendency is uncertain.

INDIAN YARNS

A continued and heavy selling pressure especially in 20 1/2s on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., has resulted in sharp decline in prices to the extent of about Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 per bale during the week with an easier tendency at the close. The future outlook is yet not hopeful.

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BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 15

The local cotton market was very steady to-day with improved buying influenced by prospects of settlement of labour disputes in Ahmedabad Mills. It was reported that Sardar Patel is reaching Ahmedabad tomorrow with a view to arrive at an amicable settlement.

This hope coupled with a rise of 10 points in New York cotton futures, discouraged sellers and there appeared some short covering which imported steady tone to the market.

The market was expected to open at Rs. 264 for Broach A/M delivery but with cheerful tone opened at Rs. 266 and advanced to Rs. 268 on short covering and straddle buying. Later on there was some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 267. The market was steady at this level.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of 8 points but there was further realising and Broach A/M delivery declined to Rs. 265/8. Later on prices declined to Rs. 264 on weakness in Calcutta Jute. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—

April/May	Rs.	263	4 0
July/August		272	0 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
March		234	4 0
May		237	12 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
Bengal March		197	4 0
Bengal May		200	4 0

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 14

UPPERS—	
Spot	10.09—12
March	9.89+3
May	10.01+1
July	10.12+1
October	10.03+4
November	9.97+4
January	9.96+4
GIZA—	
Spot	10.52—9
March	10.25+1
May	10.43+2
July	10.53+3
October	10.62+7
November	10.57+7
January	10.57+7

BOMBAY, Feb. 15

The Reserve Bank of India rate remains unchanged at three per cent. per annum.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 15.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/58 Loan	94-6
3 per cent 1963/66 Loan	89-6
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds	95-4
3 1/2 per cent G. P.. Note	91-4
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	101-4
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan	105-12
4 per cent 1948 Bonds	104-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	110-12
5 per cent 1940/48 Bond	101-9

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	110-11
4 per cent 1953-65 Mysore	109
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974	102-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974	101-8
5 per cent M Deb. 1959	113
6 per cent M Deb 1954	120
6 per cent KPT 1958	120

Tone:—Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 15

B. C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 15th Aug.

LONDON:—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 15th August

Bank's selling T T D D .....

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 15th Aug.

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 334

Bank's buying T T 330

Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS:—

Bank's selling T T 1300

Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 80 1/8

Bank's buying T T 79 1/8

Bank's buying 60 days 78 1/8

AMSTERDAM:—

Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 54 5/8

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 83 7/8

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 25 1/4

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE:—

Hongkong London 1/2 15/16 15th inst.

Shanghai London 0/4 1/2 15th inst.

Java London 7.47/55 15th inst.

New York London 3.95 1/2 14th inst.

London New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 14th inst.

London Paris 176 1/2-3/4 14th inst.

London Italy 78.00 14th inst.

London Belgium 23.75/90 14th inst.

London Switzerland 17.85/95 14th inst.

London Stockholm 16.85/95 14th inst.

London Amsterdam 7.53/58 14th inst.

London Japan 1/2 11/32 14th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange: Dull.

Gold £8-8-0 13th inst.

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Silver London Ready 20 13/16 14th inst.

Silver London Forward 21 1/16 13th inst.

Silver London Forward 20 3/4 14th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 13th inst.

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London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 13th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 14th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 13th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 14th inst.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1 per cent.

3 months 2 per cent.

6 months 2 per cent.

Tone:—Easier.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 15

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 91; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/10; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/11

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 102; Bank of Hindusthan 19; Bank of India 136/8; Central Bank 34/4; Imperial Bank F P 1492/6; Imperial Bank P P 362/8; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 104/12; Union Bank 5/11/6

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 450; Ambica 262/8; Arun 215; Arvind 1325, Asok 210; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 922/8; Buckingham and Carnatics 195; Calico 722/8; Central India 289/6; Century 295/10; Colaba 150; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 179/8 Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 262/8; Khatau Makanji 115/10; Kohinoor 350; Laxmi Cotton 525; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 103/12; Morarji 172/8; Mysore 101/4; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 342/8; Raipur 75; Rajnagar 150; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 104/6; Swadeshi 263/12; Vishnu 1395; Podar Mills 200

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1470; Tata Hydro Ord 154/6; Tata Power Ord 1332/8

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 146/14; Ajmer Electrics 10/10; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 128/12; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 460; Associated Cements 120/12; Belapur 215/4; Bombay Burma New 190; Bombay Burma Old 600; Bombay Steam 290; Bombay Telephone 85; Br. B. Petrol 4/12/3; Burma Corporation 6/7; Dalmia Cement 9/8; Indian Bleaching 111/4; Industrial Investment Tr 47; Indian Radio Ord 452/8; Indian Radio Defd 447/8; Indian Copper 2/4; Indian Iron 35/4; Mysore Sugar 43; Port Canning 73; Premier Construction 77; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 21/6; Shivrajpur 45; Steel Corp of Bengal 18/14; Tata Oil 48/8; Tata Steel Ordy 393/8; Tata Steel Defd 1947/8

JUTES

Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 55; Hukumchand 7/11; Kamarhatty 514; Kanknarrah 420; Lawrence 420; Reliance 60/8

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Feb 14

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	46 3/8
Electric Bond and Share Com	7 1/4
Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	58 1/8
Amr Tel and Tel	171 3/4
Int Tel and Tel	4
Sun Life of Canada	300
Western Union Telegraph	24 1/4
Union Pacific	93 1/4
New York Central R R	16 5/8
Amrex Corporation	14 7/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	83
Texas Corporation	44 7/8
Consolidated Oil	7 1/8
United States Steel	58 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	76 1/2
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22
Republic Steel	20 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	27 5/8
Int Nickel of Canada	36 3/4
Chrysler Motors	82 1/2
General Motors	XD 5 53/8
Firestone Rubber	20
Columbia Gas and Electric	6 1/8
Woolworth	41 1/8
Socony	11 5/8
Chase National Bank	35
National City Bank of New York	29 1/4

Turnover 650,000 shares. Business recession slowing up and seasonal factors should soon reverse trend favour maintenance long positions and accumulation.

Active Support On Stock Exchange

STEEL SHARES IMPROVE

Cotton Mill Issues Quiet

Bombay, Feb 15

The local share bazar re-opened to-day and the market ruled fairly steady with a moderate turnover. After the experience of undesirable effect of allowing credit facilities, Brokers were cautious but there was nothing like return of confidence. The market opened at about unchanged rates and improved few points under covering but later the improvement was lost on renewed selling but the offerings were well absorbed and the tone of the market was steady.

Against all expectations of a break in prices based on the theory of forced liquidation on account of defaulting clients, the action of the market was inspiring. Moreover for the last few weeks, all markets are keeping firm during the middle of the week and again decline. This fear discouraged buyers but the technical position of the market is healthy owing to elimination of weak long interest.

The market has still to pass over the uncertainty of the Central Budget and final decision on the Excess Profits Tax Bill. These two factors directly affect the earnings and dividend prospects, one-sided movement of prices is difficult. Thus more or less it will be a trader's market with quick turnovers.

A few specialities strengthened on the Wall Street market on Wednesday. Moreover, with selling in other sections not urgent, stocks rallied slightly closing irregular. There are indications of business recession slowing up and the clarification of Spring prospects is now awaited, though with political and European situations remaining important speculative question marks, a list less market is expected for the time being. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/2 at 58 1/4. Anaconda Coppers improved 3/8 at 27 3/8 and General Motors closed 1/2 down at 53 5/8 dollars.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1930 and advanced to Rs. 1967/8 on short covering but later prices declined to Rs. 1937/8 but again improved to Rs. 1960 and finally closed at Rs. 1950. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 365 and advanced to Rs. 378 and finally closed at Rs. 374. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 925 and after advancing to Rs. 945 closed at Rs. 922/8. Towards the close there was heavy selling in cotton Mill shares on reports of disappointing dividend on Century Mill shares and fears of strike in Ahmedabad Mills. Century shares opened at Rs. 307 and after advancing to Rs. 314 declined to Rs. 291 and closed at Rs. 296. Kohinoors closed at Rs. 351. Associated Cements were quietly steady at Rs. 120/12. Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 597 and after advancing to Rs. 612/8 declined to Rs. 592 and closed at Rs 600.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Feb 15

Bombay Dyeing (925) 925 922 930 937 927 936 912 927 922/8

Century (300) 307 314 304 307 291 296

Central India (292) 294 297 290 292 289/8

Kohinoor (349) 387 359 356 357 352 356 347 351

New Great (340) 345 347 345 341

Simplex (104) 109 104 105 104

Swadeshi (267) 272 271 268 263 264

Associated Cement (122) 122 122/4 121 120/12

Andhra (1475) 1475

Tram Ord (129/8) 129/8 129

Tata Hydro (155) 155

Tata Power (1327/8) 1332 1335 1332 1337 1332 1335

T Steel Defd (1937/8) 1930 1940 1952 1950 1962 1937 1955 1950

T Steel Ord (368) 368 370 378 373 374 371 374 370 374

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (137) 137/8 137 136/12

Bellapur (217/8) 220 218 217

B Steam (300) 299 300 290

B Burma (595) 597 610 592 600 595 601 600

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 15.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	350	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	922	8
100	CENTURY	296	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	289	8
100	COLABA	150	0
100	Cooria	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	6-8-6	
100	FINLAY	147	0
100	GOKAK	178	0
1000	Hindustan	2000	0
100	Indore	39	0
100	Khatau	115	10
100	KOHINOOR	351	0
250	Laxmi	525	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	173	0
250	Model	73	0
50	MYSORE	102	0
200	NEW GREAT	341	0
100	Osmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	300	0
25	SASSOON SILK	95	0
1000	Sholapur	4225	0
50	SIMPLEX	104	8
100	SWADESHI	264	0
100	SWAN	143	0
500	Vishnu	1380	0
1000	Western	950	0

BANKS

50-10	Baroda	101	8
250	Central	34	4
500	Imperial	1493	12
125-500	Imp. Conty.	362	8
50-100	India	136	8
100	Reserve Bank	104	12
5	Union	5-15-0	

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	120	12

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630	0
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	49	0
15-75	New India	86	14
200	Oriental	4240	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	0

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	143	6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1475	0
10	Ajmer	10	10
50	BOMBAY TRAM	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	165	0
10	Broach	11	8
100	Karachi	182	8
100	Poona	185	0
100	Surat	100	0
100	TATA HYDRO	155	0
1000	TATA POWER	1335	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	970	0
100	C. Province	100	12
100	Dh. Baramati	95	8
100	Gujarat	94	5
100	Mandra Bhon	91	5
100	Pachora Jamner	72	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	0
500	Tapti Valley	758	12

MININGS

9	Burma Corpn.	6	8
2sh.	Indian Copper	2	4
10	Indian Iron and Steel	35	6
15	SHIVRAJPUR	45	8
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1950	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	374	0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	460	0
10	Air Services	5	0
50	B

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

Considerable Selling And Liquidation In Commodities

LACK OF FOLLOW UP IN SILVER

BOMBAY: Feb. 15.

The New York Cotton Market showed slightly easier tendency with general uncertainty over Agricultural appropriations and European political situation. The strength of Overseas markets helped to keep prices on even level.

The London Stock Exchange was quietly steady. Gilt-edged securities continued to attract some interest.

In the local Commodity markets higher levels attracted profit-taking and prices steadily fell on continued offerings.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York, Feb. 15.

Previous closing	11.00
To-day's opening	10.98
Difference	—.02
To-day's closing	10.98
Difference	—.02

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool, Feb. 15.

Previous closing	7.97
To-day's opening	8.05
Difference	+.08
To-day's closing	7.98
Difference	+.01

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	— — —
Broach July/August	— — —

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York: Feb. 15.

The trading in March began at 10.98, i.e. 8 points lower than the last closing.

Prices eased under increased local offerings and foreign liquidation, but thereafter good trade support appeared with March rallying to 11.00.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading

Bombay: Feb. 15.

After opening at Rs. 262/4 Broach April-May advanced to Rs. 264/12. At higher level selling appeared which brought the rate down to Rs. 261/12. The closing was better at Rs. 263. July/August closed at Rs. 271/12.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 15.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (10.91/91) 10.98/98
May (10.64/64) 10.71/71
July (10.25/25) 10.31/31

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: Feb. 15.

American March (7.94) 8.02
American May (7.95) 8.03
Giza March (10.22) 10.34
Giza May (10.40) 10.51

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: Feb. 15.

SEEDS

Castorseeds February March (£21 1/4 quoted) £21 1/4 quoted

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£18 1/2 quoted) £18 1/4 quoted

Linseed La Plata February (£15 quoted) £15 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£14 7/8 quoted) £14 7/8 quoted

JUTES

Dundee February (£50) £54

Lightning February (£47) £50 1/2

RUBBER

Spot (12 13/16d paid and value) 12 15/16d paid and value

Forward May (11 15/16d paid and buyers) 12 1/8d paid and value

METALS

Tin (£243 buyers; £243 1/4 sellers. Steady) £241 1/4 buyers; £241 1/2 sellers. Steady at the decline

Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62

Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Feb. 15.

Previous closing	3.94 5/8
To-day's opening	3.94 1/2

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Feb. 15.

Previous closing	4 02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London: Feb. 15.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: Feb. 15.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—

Very small general buying. Market quiet.

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 15.

Spot (20 13/16d) 20 3/4d —1/16
Forward (20 3/4d) 20 3/4d nil

LONDON GOLD

London: Feb. 15.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Feb. 15.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75 officially fixed rate

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.33) 30.24
London on Milan (78.00) 77.75
London on Shanghai (0-4 1/16 to 0-4 1/2) 0-4 1/16 to 0-4 1/2
London on Kobe (1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Feb. 15.

Wheat May	4	3 6
Linseed May	6	13 6

BOMBAY BULLION
Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay: Feb. 15.

Silver Ready	56	2 0
Silver Maha	54	7 0
Silver Fagan	54	11 0
Gold Ready	42	6 3
Gold Maha	42	7 3
Gold Fagan	42	8 6
Sovereigns	27	3 6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Feb. 15.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 53 3/4 ex-div) dol 53 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/4) dol 27 3/4
U S Steel Common (dol 58 1/2) dol 58 1/4
U S Steel Pref (dol 116 5/8) unquoted

3½ P. C STERLING LOAN

London: Feb. 15.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £91

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: Feb. 15.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£96 1/4) £96 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£91) £91
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£111 1/4) £111 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£106) £106
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£101 1/4) £101 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£106 3/8) £106 3/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 1/2) £73 5/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99 5/8) £99 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 1/2) £101 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan (£111 3/8) £111 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 1/2) £98 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 3/4) £110 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (10-10 1/2) 10-10 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-3) 51-3
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3-0
Electric Music Industry (8-0) 8-0
Princhin Johnson (20-6) 20-6
Imperial Chemicals (30-10 1/2) 30-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61) 61-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£36 1/4) £36 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (31-0) 31-0
Unilever Ordinary (29-4 1/2) 29-4 1/2
Ford Motors (15-10 1/2) 15-10 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£62) £62 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (99-4 1/2) 99-4 1/2
Carreas A' (£6) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (118-1 1/2) 118-9
P and O Def (22-0) 21-7 1/2
Distillers (67-3) 67-3
Bredfords Dye (6-6) 6-6
British Celanese (7-6) 7-7 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (33-10-1/2) 34-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (37-10 1/2) 37-10 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (5-9) 6-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-1 1/2) 21-6
Inter Nickel (dol 46 3/4) dol 46 1/2
Indian Iron (51-10 1/2) 52-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (23-0) 23-0

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 3/4) £9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber (26-3) 26-3
Gula Kelampong (21-10 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (34-4 1/2) 34-4 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (33-9) 33-9
Burma Corporation (9-6) 9-3
Rio Tintos (£14) £14
East Rand Properties (44-4 1/2) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£7) £7

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 1/8) £13 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (49-4 1/2) 49-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (67-6) 70-0
Sub Nigel (£9 3/8) £9 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (24-4 1/2) 25-0
Union Corporation (£6 3/4) £6 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (21-3) 21-10 1/2
Anglo Iranian (53-9) 53-1 1/2
Burma Oil (65-7 1/2) 65-7 1/2
Mexican Eagle (5-9) 6 3
Shell Transport (73-1 1/2) 74-4 1/2
Royal Dutch (£32) £31 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£51 1/4) £51 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£24) £23 3/4
London North Eastern Def (£3 3/4) £4
London Southern Def (£20) £21
London Transport 5 per cent (£120) £120
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Quiet Undertone

MADRAS: Feb. 15.

With enquiries in evidence at lower levels for Miscellaneous shares the market opened steady, but later on closed with a quiet undertone. Sugar and Paper shares were steady, whilst Planting issues remained unchanged. Tea shares however met with a fair enquiry and Cotton mills were quiet

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Bank of Hindustan 18/12 and 19; Reserve Bank 104; Buckinghams 198, Kaleeswarars 276/8 s l; Radhakrishans 116; Manalurs 3 s o l; B B 2/13; Vellamalai 10/4; Midlands 4/11, s l 4/10; Kalasas 4/11; Cochin Malabars 6/6; Coorgs 26/8; South Arcot Elec Pref 113/8; Mysore Paper 12/15; Mysore Chemicals 10/14 X-R; Spencer B 6/10 s l; Amrutanjan Pref 75/8; Indian Steel Rollings 7 s o l

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: Feb. 15.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind March 25/14; Punjab March 20/14/9; 4-P March 29/3. Market quiet

Wheat March 28/11; July 30/3/3. Market quiet.

Gram July 29/9/9.

Toria Feb. 39/14/6; March 41/7/6; May 42/11/6.

Cottonseed 22/12; May 23/3/6

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Feb 15

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P	205	203	200	197	
Punjab	205	203	200	197	
Rajputana	213	211	208	205	
Oomra No. 3	243	241	238	235	
C P. No. 1	257	255	252	249	
C. P. No. 2	249	247	244	241	
Broach No. 2	269	267	264	261	
Surat	306	304	301	298	
Rajpipla	302	300	297	294	
Navsari	316	314	311	308	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Feb 15

Bengal Fine	208-09
Punjab Fine	203-05
C. P. 1	252-54
C. P. 2	249-44
Berar	234-36
Khandesh	225-29
Jalna Sailu	229-32
Ahmednagar	227-29
Broach	261-65
Punjab 4 F	277-85
Punjab 289 F	312-20
Sindh N T	294-302

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	43	48,115	31,383
Central India	204	61,200	169,824
Barsi and Nagar	337	98,700	47,209
Hyderabad Gaorani	42	39,781	4,138
Berar	1,671	231,565	103,053
Central Provinces	316	55,315	25,921
Total Oomras	2,613	534,676	381,528
Dholera	50	33,496	100,542
N W Provinces		21,701	1,794
Rajputana	103	23,702	39,615
Sind Punjab	1,185	279,750	339,703
Broach	7,224	68,277	39,966
Coompta and Dharwar		14,683	14,000
Westerns Northerns	167	16,362	18,755
Cocoanada		50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,540
American		5,843	2,196
Egyptian, African and Sudan		191,926	159,325
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,920	7
Total	11,342	1,193,695	998,377
Arrived by road to 8th February 1940		133,248	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 8th Feb.

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	13,512	496,031	635,849

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 9th February, 1940:—

1. DEMAND LIABILITIES:
   (a) In India 136,35,89,000
   (b) In Burma 7,19,78,000
2. TIME LIABILITIES:
   (a) In India 104,99,21,000
   (b) In Burma 3,81,25,000
3. CASH:
   i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.
   (a) In India 6,08,26,000
   (b) In Burma 1,52,000
   ii. Burma Notes:
   (a) In India 28,000
   (b) In Burma 26,02,000
   iii. Rupee Coin:
   (a) In India 59,17,000
   (b) In Burma 69,000
   iv. Subsidiary Coin:
   (a) In India 23,11,000
   (b) In Burma 34,000
4. BALANCES with Res. Bank 20,45,53,000
5. ADVANCES:
   (a) In India 143,44,05,000
   (b) In Burma 5,19,02,000
6. BILLS DISCOUNTED:
   (a) In India 4,97,91,000
   (b) In Burma 24,32,000

Comparative statement of the position of Scheduled Banks:—

(In thousand Rupees).

	9-2-1940	2-2-1940	10-2-1939	1-9-1939
1 Demand Liabilities in India and Burma	143,55,67 (7,19,78)	145,63,33 (7,23,26)	128,21,80 (6,29,87)	141,39,78 (7,03,29)
2. Time Liabilities in India and Burma	108,80,46 (3,81,25)	108,42,30 (3,80,58)	108,10,92 (4,33,23)	106,46,46 (4,22,12)
3 Total cash in India and Burma	7,18,39 (27,57)	7,09,71 (21,32)	6,03,33 (18,52)	7,29,82 (59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	20,45,53	18,30,83	12,18,39	25,27,76
5. Advances in India and Burma	148,63,07 (5,19,02)	149,89,53 (4,95,94)	121,62,71 (4,48,63)	105,65,08 (4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	5,22,23 (24,32)	5,02,81 (25,92)	6,05,61 (34,42)	3,86,74 (29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets).

Indian Cotton Near Buying Level

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co., have issued the following report.

Since we wrote this report last week the nett changes in the Cotton Futures markets have been as under:—

NEW YORK.

	May.
7-2-40	10.62
14-2-40	10.73
	+.11

LIVERPOOL.

	May.
7-2-40	8.00
14-2-40	7.97
	—.03

Bombay BROACH.

	A/May	J/August
8-2-40	264-0-0	272-4-0
15-2-40	265-8-0	274-4-0
	+1-8-0	+2-0-0

Should Liverpool to-day open at unchanged rates the straddle difference between Liverpool May and Broach A/May will be Rs. 82-3/4 or 190 Liverpool points.

The American markets have again been very inactive, trading having been on a small scale and fluctuations within narrow range. On days when Bombay interests decide to liquidate some of their straddle interest the New York and Liverpool markets decline a few points but such losses are soon recovered when spinners decide to fix prices of "call" cotton. Meantime exports continue heavy as does the consumption of cotton by American Mills. By the end of last month, that is the first half of the American cotton year, the combined total of the above offtake will amount to the large figure of approximately eight million bales. During the second half of the season, such large figure can hardly be expected, but we should not be surprised to see exports amounting to another two and a half millions and Mills look like consuming another four millions. Should these figures be realised this will mean a total offtake for the year of 14-1/2 millions against a growth of just over 11-1/2 millions. Straddle selling from Bombay cannot go on indefinitely. Much of this interest must now be liquidated. There is much more cotton to be fixed by spinners. We expect soon to see steadier markets in New York due to a scarcity of contracts. The position may change when New crops become more of a market factor than is the case to-day, but by that time the War in Europe may have started in earnest and then the destruction of goods will be very large.

TWO SIDED MARKET.

In Bombay the market lately has been much more two sided than since the top prices for the season were reached about the beginning of last month. The more attractive parity of Indian cotton has been attracting export demand for quite a number of styles and whilst so far this demand has not yet been sufficient to bring about any real recovery in the market it has been sufficient to arrest the decline, even in face of threatened strikes in Bombay and Ahmedabad where the work people are demanding a substantial increase in wages to meet the increased cost of living. Negotiations for a settlement are now proceeding. These have been difficult and we are not in a position to say what the result will be. In addition to this depressing factor the Bombay market also has had to face this week another financial crisis in the local share market, where immense losses have been incurred as a result of the orgy of speculation which has been going on for the past few months. In face of all these depressing influences we cannot but be impressed with the steadiness of the Indian cotton market. We have come to the conclusion that Indian cotton is now at or near a buying level, but after what the market has had to contend with in recent weeks it may be some weeks before full confidence will be restored.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Featureless

CALCUTTA: Feb. 15.

Jutes section practically ruled featureless and inactive and only a limited amount of business was put through. In Coals only a few isolated deals were reported at more or less quotation prices. Teas were dull. In Miscellaneous speculative issues ruled quiet, while other industrials remained uninterested. Government securities ruled steady.

The following are closing quotations:—

Government Securities. 3 per cent loan 1951/54 95/4 s lot; 3 1/2 per cent Govt paper 91/2; 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 101/11 s lot; 4 per cent loan 1943 104/10; 3 per cent New loan 1963/65 89/12 s odd lots; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 111/1 s lot; 3 per cent Punjab Bonds 1952 94/4 s odd lot.

Banks: Imperial fully paid 1500; Imperial Conty 358; Reserve Bank 104.

Cottons: New Victoria pref 4/2; Swadeshi Cotton (Cawnpore) 452/8

Coals: Amalgamated 29/5; Bengal 365; Bhalgora 5/10; Central Kurkend 15/2; Dhemo Main 16/4; Pench Valley 35/8; Raneegunge 29/4; Standard 22/8.

Jutes: Adamjee 24; Agarpara 25/10 X-D; Agarpara pref 131 X-D; Alliance 271/8; Anglo-India 379; Bally 239; Bally pref 143; Budge-Budge 358; Ft. William 261/8; Hooghly pref 17/12; Howrah 64/6; Hukumchand 7/4; India 340; National 24/1; Nuddea 64/8; North brooke pref 133; Presidency 5/8; Reliance 60; Reliance pref 153/8.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 6/8 C Div; Burn and Co ord 334 c t; Hukumchand Steel ord 7/4; Hukumchand defd. 2/2; Indian Iron and Steel 35/7; Steel Corporation 18/13; Steel Corporation pref 101/8; Balmer Lawrie 298/8; B I Corporation ord 4/4 c t; Calcutta Trams ord 16/4; Dunlop Rubber 2nd pref 106; Titaghur paper 'A' and 'B' ordy 28/6; Calcutta Steam Navgn 180.

Sugar Shares: Bulans 15/4; Champaran 15/4; Carew and Co 11/4; Ramnugger Cane and Sugar 10.

Tea Shares: Moheema pref 12/4; Tezpore ord 6/12.

Debentures: 4 1/4 per cent 1939/49/54 Agarpara Jute Debs 101/8; 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge Debs 96/6 s lot; 6 per cent 1911/28/48 Howrah-Amta Rly. Debs 110/12 c t, s odd lot.—A. P.

PEPPER & GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Feb 13

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	89	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		89	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		94	8 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per candy		98	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy		11	0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		16	8 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		18	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt		16	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		18	0 0

Bombay, Feb 15

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below May 192 penny points	Liverpool
Difference Broach J/A below July 171 penny points	Liverpool
Difference Broach A/M below New York May 52 cent points	
Difference Broach J/A above New York July 22 cent points	

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 14

Broach A/M highest 262 lowest 257 1/4 closing 261 3/4

Broach J/A highest 271 lowest 266 1/2 closing 270 3/4

Oomra March highest 233 1/2 lowest 229 1/2 closing 233

Oomra May highest 237 lowest 233 closing 236 1/2

Bengal March highest 196 lowest 191 1/2 closing 196

Bengal May highest 199 1/4 lowest 194 1/2 closing 199 1/4

Night session: Broach A/M opening Rs. 261 1/2, highest Rs. 263 3/4, lowest Rs. 261 1/2, closing Rs. 263 1/2. Broach J/A closing Rs. 272 1/4.

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 14

Rozario Santa Fe quoted	24/3
South Australian shipment fob parcels	
February quoted	26/3

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb 14

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers 12 7/8

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Feb 14

SAKELS—	
March	20.04+25
May	20.00+17
GIZA—	
February	17.44—2
April	17.65+1
ASHMOUNI—	
March	18.53+12
May	18.92+9

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 15

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	Rs.	51	10 0
Highest		51	2 0
Lowest		51	2 0
Closing		51	4 0
Groundnuts February—			
Opening		35	14 0
Highest		36	0 0
Lowest		35	11 0
Closing		35	11 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		39	0 0
Highest		39	0 6
Lowest		38	10 0
Closing		38	10 1
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		26	2 6
Highest		26	3 6
Lowest		26	1 3
Closing		26	2 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 14

Spot	20 13/16
Forward	20 3/4

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 14

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London. Feb 14

T T London on:	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Paris	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
Madrid	39.60
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Amsterdam	7.53/7.58
Brussels	23.75/23.90
Milan	78.00
Berne	17.85/17.95
Copenhagen	20.43
Stockholm	16.85/16.95
Oslo	17.65/17.75

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 14

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£66
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£78
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£91
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£110 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£73 1/2
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£99 5/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£98 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£111 3/8
Victory bonds	£110 3/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£6
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	
London Beg	£25
National Bank of India	£60

PANDEMONIUM AT SAIGAL RECEPTION

Scenes of rowdyism, indiscipline and discourtesy to an invited guest were witnessed at the reception which was given to the film radio-star, Mr. K. L. Saigal, by the Bombay Students' Union at Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday evening. The climax was reached when a number of students flung copper coins at Mr. Saigal and taking advantage of a momentary lull shouted: "Now we have paid you, you will have to sing".

Long before 6-30 a stream of students poured into the hall and the meagre number of volunteers proved quite incapable of stopping the many hundred gate-crashers who rushed into the hall and occupied every unoccupied seat including those that were reserved for distinguished guests and even the Press. When the hall the corridors and the balconies were thoroughly overcrowded the exits and the entrances were closed. But the thousands who were locked out rushed to the doors.

When Saigal entered the platform, the balconies were crowded with an impatient crowd and the main hall had neither sitting nor standing accommodation. He was received with a terrific shout from the entire gathering and in spite of repeated requests the noise could not be brought under control.

An official of the Bombay Students' Union tried to read the address but he had to finish it amidst continuous hooting and jeers from the audience who wanted Saigal to sing.

The Mayor then tried to read his speech, but not a word could be heard in spite of the microphone on account of interruptions and cat-calls. In sheer disgust the Mayor abandoned his speech and said: "If you will not listen to me, you can listen to Mr. Saigal: I will ask him to sing".

Mr. Saigal had hardly thanked them when there was a concerted shout of "a song". "we want a song" He explained that he had a bad throat and he should be excused.

Mr. Saigal just sang a few lines of a well-known refrain thinking to convince them of his sore-throat. It was unavailing. He explained his English sentence in Hindustani. Now a stream of waste paper was released from the balcony seats and he was shouted at. Getting to the end of his patience he said: "If you want to know the fact. I will not sing".

The audience flung coppercoins at him. Some of them took advantage of the momentary lull to shout "Now we have paid you, you will have to sing".

Even though the meeting terminated at this stage neither Mr. Saigal, nor the Mayor could leave the hall for fear of being mobbed by the waiting crowd. At last with great difficulty Mr Saigal was escorted to his waiting car.

The departure of Mr. Saigal was the sign for a number of free-fights between the students themselves.

JAPAN STANDS BY ANTI-COMINTERN PACT

TOKIO, Feb. 15.

The Government have no intention of seceding from or denouncing the Anti-Comintern Pact declared Mr. Arita answering questions on the Tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact in the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

Local Prices

The Collector of Bombay has issued the following statement of local prevailing prices in Bombay on the 14th inst.:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Rice (Jira Sal) per Phara of 16 Paylis	8	0	0
to	11	0	0
Jowar per Payli	0	5	6
to	0	6	6
Bajri per Payli	0	6	6
Sugar (Java) per 28 lbs.	4	12	0
Country soft per 28 lbs.	6	0	0
Salt per Payli	0	3	6
Groundnut Oil per lb.	0	2	6
Cocoanut Oil per lb.	0	3	0
Til Oil per lb.	0	3	0
Kerosene Oil (Rising Sun) two tins ex Town shops	6	15	6
Kerosene Oil (Chukkur) two tins ex Town shops	6	15	6
Kerosene Oil (Elephant Brand) per tin	3	9	0
Kerosene Oil Bulk Chukkur per unit of 8 Imperial gallons	5	14	6
Kerosene Oil Bulk Rising Sun per unit of 8 Imperial gallons	5	14	6
Matches Wimco per doz.	0	3	0
to	0	4	0
Charcoal per 28 lbs.	0	9	0
Fuel Jungli per 28 lbs.	0	5	0
Asperin per ounce	0	5	0
Quinine Powder per lb.	35	0	0
Quinine Bottle of 100 pills of 2 grains	1	6	0
Castor Oil Swastik per lb.	0	13	0
Mag. Sulphate per lb.	0	3	0
Soda Bicarb. per lb.	0	3	0
Insulin 10 cc.	2	0	0
Insulin 5 cc.	1	8	0
Eucalyptus Oil per lb.	1	8	0
Iodine per lb.	1	12	0
Barium Sulphate per lb.	1	12	0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Feb 15

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	57	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	73	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 14-2-40	6111000	3325000
Receipts yesterday 14-2-40	22000	2000
Exports to date 14-2-40	4573000	2467000
Stock at Ports 9-2-40	2988000	2714000
Stock at Interior Towns 9-2-40	2951000	3210000
Stock at Liverpool 9-2-40	.....	1035000
Visible Supply 9-2-40	.....	7112000
Quantity in sight 9-2-40	10298000	7770000
Quantity out of sight 9-2-40	.....	6258000

GOERING SAYS ECONOMICALLY Germany Can't Be Defeated

BERLIN, Feb. 15.

Field-Marshall Goering, broadcasting to agricultural workers, said: "The extreme cold of the winter has caused us all great trouble, but the spring will demand great labours from all German farmers Although the frost still binds the soil, you are in the midst of preparations for a new battle of production."

Field-Marshal Goering declared that the last two years had brought record crops. Germany had increased the production of fats and the consumption of meat had risen. "We have laid in ample stocks of raw materials which we cannot produce ourselves. We cannot be defeated economically or in the military field".

He claimed that Germany had a reserve of seven million metric tons of wheat.

Speaking about the scarcity of coal he said that Germany had ample coal, but German railways were struggling with enormous difficulties. Mny tracks are frozen and difficulties of transport are, therefore, insurmountable".—Reuter.

NAZI ATTACK ON CHURCHILL

BERLIN, Feb. 15.

A bitter attack on Mr. Churchill is made by the "Berliner Boersenzeitung" commenting on the announcement that all British merchantmen will be armed. It states that armed merchantmen are Mr. Churchill's invention devised in the Great War. His former secret order in which he ordered merchantmen not only to defend themselves against U-boats, but also to attack them is well-known. Furthermore long before the outbreak of the present war British merchantmen were constructed or adapted in such a way that one or more guns could be immediately installed. Nobody in Great Britain has made any secret of it."—Reuter.

Bengal C. C. Defies Working Committee's Decision

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14.

The Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee adopted a resolution this evening calling the District, Sub Divisional and Primary Congress Committee to have nothing to do with the 'Ad Hoc' Committee, and requesting the Council of Action forthwith to prepare a definite programme and plan of action for an immediate nation-wide struggle for Purna Swaraj, and with that end in view to establish contacts with Congressmen and other anti-imperialist organisations (including the organisations of peasants, workers, students and youth) in Bengal and in other provinces. The Council was definitely of the opinion that the national struggle had to be launched on the all-India front.

By another resolution, the Council urged Congressmen and Congress organisations within the jurisdiction of the B.P.C.C. to boycott the Election Tribunal as it was appointed by the Working Committee without reference to the B.P.C.C.

The Council condemned the repressive policy of the Bengal Government and also declared that February 24 be observed by Congressmen as "All-Bengal Anti-Repression Day."—United Press.

Still Chances Of Amicable Settlement

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The communication addressed by the Millowners' Association of Ahmedabad regarding the dispute on the question of dearness allowance to workers was received by the Bombay Government to-day. The communication will receive the careful attention of Government during the next two or three days.

The present indications are that there are still chances of an amicable settlement of the dispute.

Fire In Surat

(From Our Correspondent)

SURAT, Feb. 15.

A serious fire broke out last evening on Varachha Road. Shops situated outside the railway station gate limit by which three cloth merchants and one kirana merchant shop were burnt.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 9th February, 1940:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25,00,000
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each		11,25,00,000
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid		3,75,00,000
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid		1,87,50,000
		5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares		5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund		5,60,00,000
Fixed Deposit Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		87,62,28,000
Loans against Securities per contra		
Acceptances for Constituents		1,19,000
Sundries		51,23,000
RUPEES		99,37,20,000
ASSETS.	Rs	Rs
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	36,20,94,000	
Other Authorised Investments	91,71,000	37,12,65,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	9,05,72,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	32,32,88,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,71,87,000	46,10,47,000
Liability of Constituents for acceptances per contra		1,19,000
Dead Stock		1,86,26,000
Sundries		53,59,000
Bullion		
CASH:		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	10,76,59,000	
Balances with other Banks	2,91,35,000	13,68,04,000
RUPEES		99,37,20,000

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb 15

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Ready (small grain) Rs 18-4 0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-6 0
Shipment December Rs. 9 F B H
Shipment January Rs. 9-2-0 F B H
Shipment February Rs. 9-2-0 F B H
Shipment March Rs 9-6-0 F B H
Shipment September Rs 9-4-0 F B H
Indian sugars ready:
Ready (ordinary) R

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Sud 8, 1996
Muslim: Muharam 7, 1359
Parsi: Sherever 14, 1309
Hightide: 3-58; 17-17
Lowtide: 10-34; 22-38
Sunrise: 7h. 7m.
Sunset: 6h. 29m.

University of Bombay: Special Convocation: 4 p.m.

SATURDAY: February 17

Bombay Races: Big Meeting, Third Day.

MONDAY: February 19

Muharram: Public and Postal Holiday. Banks closed.

Domestic Occurrence

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DR. POONSEY H. MEISHERI THANKS his relatives and friends for their messages of condolence and sympathy in his recent bereavement owing to the death of his eldest son, Navinchandra, and regrets his inability to reply individually.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Sir Clutha Mackenzie lunched at Government House on Thursday.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Davar's College Athletic Sports will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m. at the Cooperage, Bombay.

B.P.C.C. MEETING

The first meeting of the newly constituted Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Nataraj Vashi" To-day one show at 6-30 p.m. only.
REGAL—"All Quiet on the Western Front." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Remember." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Frozen Limits" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-Ki-Reet"'. Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Taka-r-Ki-Tope". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Manoos." Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
NOVELTY—"The Wizard of Oz". Daily at 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"Gopal Krishna". Time as usual.

General Strike Of Bombay Hotel Workers?

(From A Correspondent)

The Lal Bavta Hotel Kamgar Union, Bombay, has decided to organise a one-day general strike of all the workers working in hotels of Bombay, if a favourable reply is not received from the Government before the 1st of March 1940 on the question of the application of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, 1939, to the hotels, eating houses and restaurants in the City of Bombay. This Act which has been passed by the Congress Ministry has already received the assent of the Governor, but the Bombay Government seem not willing to apply it in near future.

The strike will take place on the 10th of March. A memorandum on the fundamental demands of the hotel workers will be prepared, which will include increase in wages, dearness allowance, etc. A general body meeting of the members will be held on Saturday (24th inst.) to endorse the decision.

Railway Workers Agitate For War Allowance

A crowded meeting of the Matunga, G.I.P. Railway Workshop workers was held on Gole Maidan to press the demand for War Allowance, Comrade Mandpe presiding. Comrades Jhabvala, Shankerlingam, Munnalal and Mathews of Parel addressed the meeting. The speakers congratulated the workers on their brave action in bringing about Stay-in-Strikes in the Matunga Workshops and exhorted them to continue their struggle till their demand for War allowance was granted.

The meeting then telegraphically urged upon the Railway Board to grant War Allowance to the Railway workers forthwith.

Viceroy's Appeal For War Blinded Soldiers

Sir Cluth1 Mackenzie who is touring India in connection with the St. Dunstan's Section of H. E. the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund arrived in Bombay on Tuesday after visiting the Punjab, Sind, Cutch and the Kathiawar and Gujarat States. Committees have been formed under the patronage of their Excellencies the Governors of the Punjab and Sind, which are working in co-ordination with the Joint War Committees of the Red Cross and St. John's. Generous contributions too have been made or promised by ruling princes.

While in Bombay, Sir Clutha will meet the members of the St. Dunstan's Committee, recently set up under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, regarding plans for the active prosecution of the appeal in Bombay.

CINEMA TRADE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cinema film exhibitors will be held at I-B Sir Mangaldas Estate, West End Cinema compound, Lamington Rd. Bombay 4, to-day (Friday) at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) to determine the constitution of the Cinema Trade Association, which has already been agreed to be formed as a trade union of the exhibitors.

"GRAND CONCERT"

The pupils of Dominic Pereira and Joseph de Lima will stage a Grand Concert at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Sunday (18th inst.) at 6 p.m. Lady Blackwell will preside on the occasion.

UNFOUNDED ALLEGATION

An unfounded allegation has been made in articles printed in the "Dainik Vivratti" and the "Digvijaya" of Sholapur, that contributions to the cost of the war are being collected along with land revenue. There is no truth whatsoever in this statement.

PARLE TILAK VIDYALAYA

The annual gathering of the Parle Tilak Vidyalaya, Vile Parle, will be held on 18th inst. (Sunday). Past students are invited to attend. Contribution per head being annas 12 only. (Arrangements to receive the contribution in the school between 7-30 to 9 a.m. on any day are made).

BOMBAY FIELD CLUB

Rao Bahadur G. S. Sardesai, the well-known historian of Maharashtra, will read a paper on: "Records in the Jaipur Archives and the Light they throw on the History of Shivaji" at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Friday) in the Lecture Hall, School of Economics and Sociology, University South Wing. Mr. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central) will preside.

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS

The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 1 will meet near the Museum (Prince of Wales) to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward.

Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

SHAIKH ABDULLAH TO SPEAK AT WORLI

Shaikh Abdullah, a member of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference and a leader of the Kashmir State People's Movement, will speak in a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Worli Young Men's Association on the movement in the Indian States, today (Friday) at 9 p.m. on the Jambori Maidan.

CIVIL LIBERTIES PROTEST MEETING

A public meeting to protest against the recent encroachments on civil liberties, particularly the use of the Press Emergency Powers Act, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) on Chowpatty Sands under the auspices of the Bombay Civil Liberties Union and the Bombay Students' Union. Mr. K. F. Nariman will preside. Messrs. S. V. Parulekar, Yusuf Meherally, B. T. Randive A. S. R. Chari and K. B. Menon will speak.

HINDI CLASSES

Secretary, Hindi Prachar, writes:—

Hindi classes are being regularly held at the following places:—

Saraswat Union, Agarwal Nagar, Plots No. 596-598, Bldg. No. 4, Room No. 1, Vincent Road, Matunga, G.I.P.

Nowroz Building, 4, Bhau Daji Road, South Indian Colony, Matunga, G.I.P.

Enquiries may be made of P. Kamaladevi, ground floor, Block No 7, Plot No. 579, Deleep Darshan, Jame Jamshedji Rd., Matunga, G.I.P.

ALL-INDIA PENAL REFORMS CONFERENCE

Bombay Govt. Representatives

Sir Gilbert Wiles will attend the All-India Penal Reforms Conference, to be held at the University Convocation Hall, Bombay, on February 24 and 25 as the representative of the Government of Bombay.

Lieut.-Col. M. G. Bhandari, I.M.S., Inspector-General of Prisons; Mr. D. S. Joshi, I.C.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Surat; Mr. D. A. Dhruva, Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and Miss M. K. Davis, Inspector of Certified Schools have also been authorised to attend.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER REPORT

POONA: Feb. 15.

Weather has been dry except for isolated light showers in North-east Baluchistan. Temperatures were low over South Bengal and Orissa.

Forecast until the evening of the 16th:—Mainly dry weather.—A. P.

Offenders Against Prohibition

During January 325 prohibition cases were detected by the Bombay City Police—242 under the Abkari Act, 76 under the Opium Act and seven under the Opium Smoking Act.

Of these 219 cases ended in conviction and one in acquittal. One hundred and five cases were pending trial at the end of the month.

There was a large increase in the number of offences registered under the Abkari and Opium Acts compared with the previous month. Cases of sale and import of drugs and of illicit importation were all on the increase.

The Dharavi jungles, old Kurla Village and some other villages in the Bombay Suburban District were in the limelight for offences of illicit distillation. Offenders against prohibition in these villages showed a marked tendency to defy the law and on more than one occasion villagers were noticed armed with sticks and knives preparing to attack the police.

The police raiding parties, therefore, were up against great odds. But in spite of this, several raids were successfully carried out and offenders brought to book.

Soldiers To See "All Quiet On Western Front"

The Capitol Management inform us that representatives of all the Military Units stationed in Bombay, will be marching to their theatre to-day (Friday) morning at 10-30 to see a special pre-view of the film "All Quiet on the Western Front."

Bandra Congress Party Office-bearers

The Bandra Municipal Congress Party held its meeting on the 11th inst. at the Party's office in Khar. The leader, Mr. J. K. Mehta, presided. After taking stock of the situation, the meeting proceeded to the work of election of office-bearers for the current year. Mr. J. K. Mehta was re-elected leader of the Party. Mr. Ig. D'Monte was elected as Deputy Leader and Mr. Ig. Fonseca was elected as Assistant Secretary. Mr. S. G. Joshi was elected as Assistant Whip. Mr. Veerbai H. Mehta continues as Hon. Secretary.

School Children's Health Day

(From A Correspondent)

Appreciation of the successful work of the School Medical Department was expressed by Dr. J. V. Vora, Chairman, Municipal Standing Committee presiding at the School Children's Health Day function, organised by Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath under the auspices of the Public Health Department last Sunday on the Gilder Tank Maidan. He was glad to see that the School Clinic has become very popular. There has been evidence of such popularity in the increasing attendance at the School Clinic in K. E. M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay.

Dr. R. K. Mhatre, the Executive Health Officer, Dr. Cursetji, Mrs. Shuffi Tayabji, M.L.A. and Mr. M. V. Donde spoke.

Dr. Bhoosrath thanked the parents, guardians and school teachers for the co-operation without which the school medical relief would have not been successful.

BHATIA STUDENTS' UNION

Members of the Union who have taken part in the 11th Bhatia Sports should submit their names to the Sport Secretary before 20th Feb. to enable the Secretary to prepare badges for their Union, at Bhatia Construction Co., Kolbhat Lane, Bombay 2.

BROOMFIELD REPORT

Mr. Justice Broomfield's report on the inquiry into the firing by the Bombay City Police while controlling a procession of Muslims on August 1 last has been published. Copies can be had from the Government Book Depot Charni Road Gardens, Bombay, for six annas each

S. H. G. JAIN BOARDING SCHOOL.

The report for 1937/38 of Seth Hirachand Gumanji Jain Boarding School, Tardeo, says that the school was established to perpetuate the memory of Seth Hirachand Gumanji by his sons. This institution is managed by the trustees and a Managing Committee. The building is very convenient for students residing in it to attend different colleges in Bombay and its suburbs. In order that the scholarship fund may increase, the scholarships are given on condition that the amount paid as scholarship must be returned if the recipient would earn more than Rs. 60 per month.

Mr. M. R. Ahuja, Indian Government Trade Commissioner, Milan. It is reported that his term of office has been extended for a further period of five years.

Miss Prem Ahuja, daughter of Indian Trade Commissioner, Milan is a first rate linguist. She recently returned to Amritsar.

"MAKE E. P. T. BILL PERMANENT ONE"

Joshi On "Iniquitous System Of Taxation"

Mr. N. M. Joshi supporting the Excess Profits Tax Bill in the Central Assembly, said:

The Taxation system of this country, as is admitted by the Taxation Inquiry Committee, is iniquitous in its incidence. It falls upon poorer people, considering their ability to pay, more heavily than upon those who are better able to bear the burden of taxation This Bill, if it is passed, will correct, to some extent at least, the iniquitous nature of the Taxation system of this country. I therefore hope, that this Excess Profits Tax will be made a permanent one.

The critics of this Bill have not shown that if an Excess Profits Tax is not levied, all the money that is saved will be invested for the development of new industries.

USAGE FOR TAX PROCEEDS

If the proceeds of this excess profits tax is spent on various purposes of this war, I shall not be pleased. This war is claimed to be waged for the maintenance of the independence of the weaker nations and for the protection of democracy. Unfortunately India has not got any independence to maintain; and if we can judge from the present political situation in this country, there does not seem to be much likelihood of India having independence to be maintained, within a short period.

Similarly, there is not much democracy to be maintained or protected in India. I would therefore, not like the proceeds of this tax to be spent on war purpose. As this Excess Profits Tax is being imposed to promote social justice, I would suggest to the Government of India that the proceeds of the Excess Profits Tax should be spent not only on maintaining the standard of life of the masses of the people in this country which may go down on account of the prices going up; but I would like the Government of India to spend that money in bettering their standard of life.

I would suggest therefore to the Government of India that they should take all steps to see that the standard of life of the masses of people in this country does not go down, but to see also that it goes up.

IMPROVING CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

Tansa Duct Line To Be Repaired

The question of the satisfactory working order of the Tansa Duct Line came before the Municipal Corporation on Thursday when Mr. Mathooradas Tricumji moved:—

That the Commissioner be requested to report on the condition of the Tansa Duct Line and on the measures, if any, he proposes to take for putting it in a satisfactory working order.

Mr. Mathooradas said the Tansa Duct Line required repair in order to bring to the city sufficient quantity of water and to have an alternative line, in case other lines go out of order. It was necessary, he said, to put the Duct line in order.

Mr. Soonderdas Morarji seconded the proposition and it was carried.

NO A. R. P. BUSINESS.

The house threw out the following resolution of Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha:—

That the Corporation are of the opinion that all suitable Municipal School Buildings, dispensaries, Municipal Works offices and other commodious premises belonging to or under the control of the Corporation should be placed at the disposal of the A. R. P. Officer, Bombay, for use in emergency as First Aid Posts, Warden Posts or Headquarters for A. R. P. services whether organised by the Government or other voluntary bodies engaged in A. R. P. work.

BOMBAY VOTES FOR AZAD

The first meeting of the newly elected delegates to the Ramgarh Congress. was held at the Congress House on Thursday evening.

The following five persons, who were the only persons nominated, were duly elected as representatives from Bombay on the All-India Congress Committee:—

Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai,
„ S. K. Patil,
„ Bhawanji A. Khimji,
„ Yusuff Meherally,
„ S. G. Patkar.

By 19 votes to one, the Bombay delegates expressed their will to elect Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as President of the Ramgarh session of the Congress.

Dr. M. R. Shetty was the only person to vote for Mr. M. N. Roy.

Messrs. Amir Hyder Khan, P. K. Kurane, S. G. Patkar and N. L. Upadhya remained neutral.

Mr. S. K. Patil proposed that the following five persons may be co-opted as members to form the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee:—

Mrs. Shantabai Vengsarkar, Mrs. Safia Khan, Mr. P. R. Lele, Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kadar and Mr. V. B. Koregaonker.

Mr. P. K. Kurane proposed that Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy should be co-opted.

The five persons proposed by Mr. Patil, were elected.

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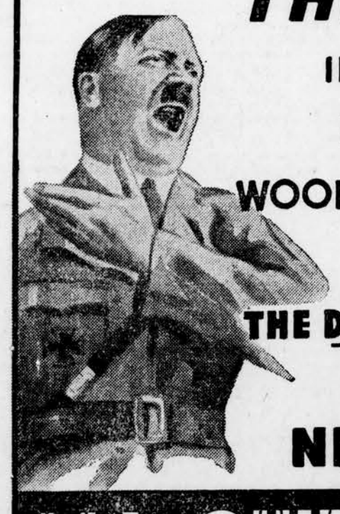

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AVERT THE CRISIS

The textile dispute in Ahmedabad has taken a grave turn. The ballot taken by the Labour Association for a general strike is understood to have ended in a unanimous verdict in support of a strike. On the other hand the Millowners' Association has addressed a communication to Government reiterating its view that the millowners are not liable to pay for any rise in prices and that, though they are willing to consider a settlement on reasonable terms, they are not prepared to accept the demands of the workers. If the consequent deadlock continues, a general strike is expected to be declared early next week. Meanwhile, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, it is said, will make a final attempt at a settlement, and one can only hope he will succeed in averting a crisis.

Fair Demand

The facts of the dispute are by now well-known In view of the undeniable rise in the prices of foodstuffs and other necessaries of life the workers demanded a rise in wages proportionate to the increase in prices. This is an absolutely fair demand and the millowners themselves, though they have denied their liability to raise wages on account of higher prices, actually considered how far they should meet the workers' demand. If the demand is fair and the industry, which has undoubtedly benefited by the increase in prices, can bear the burden of the rise in wages, it is fair on the millowners' part to meet the demand fully or so far as it is possible for the industry to do. This position was practically accepted by them when they made their offer to the workers before Mr. Rajadhyaksha, District Judge, who was appointed by Government as Special Conciliator. The case was now reduced to the position that the Conciliator was expected to ascertain on the one hand the rise in prices and on the other the capacity of the industry to bear the burden of higher wages and to suggest an equitable compromise.

Retrieve The Blunder

Though the actual rise in prices was about 20 per cent he suggested as a compromise 6.3 per cent. relief in kind through the medium of grain shops and 5.3 per cent. relief in cash by the grant of an allowance of Rs. 1-13-7 per month per worker. The workers, who had at first demanded a cash increase of 11 per cent accepted the decision as a compromise. But the millowners did not. They offered alternative terms, namely, cheap grain shops and a cash increase of Re. 1, but these were in the aggregate below the Conciliator's proposal and were naturally rejected by the workers. The Conciliator finally stated in his report as follows: "The Textile Labour Association, while perfectly willing to try out the experiment of cheap grain shops, wanted a reasonable percentage of the relief in cash. The gap between the cash allowance unconditionally offered, viz. Re. 1 and that finally accepted by the Textile Labour Association under protest namely, Re. 1-13-7 was so large that no compromise was possible." The millowners' attitude is most regrettable. The original demands of the workers are on the very face of it reasonable. Gandhiji has pronounced them to be so and the public entirely agree with him. Yet for the sake of peace the workers accepted the Conciliator's proposals, though these were far below their reasonable demand It is deplorable that the millowners, who are being substantially benefited by the rise in prices, refuse to accept the most modest proposals of the Conciliator. Their recalcitrance is certainly not doing any service to their industry or themselves. We yet hope they will retrieve their blunder before it is too late.

War On Neutrals

Germany has launched an open war upon the neutral countries. New instructions, that will mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels, have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching Amsterdam from Berlin. The Dutch steamer, "Burgendijk", sunk by German submarine, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures. The "Telegraaf's" Berlin correspondent reporting what he was told in Wilhelmstrasse formulates the German standpoint as follows: "If a neutral ship, homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, puts into an enemy port, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard". According to this general reliable correspondent, the Commander of the submarine which had sunk the "Burgendijk" could not have acted on his own responsibility, since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German Navy and hence he must have been acting on instructions amounting to a sort of blank cheque for destruction. There is, however, some method in this madness. And the Dutch papers have pointed out, with pardonable bitterness, that while American ships (which, if they touch Gibraltar, are liable to be torpedoed under the new "rules") are left alone, Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attack. The lesson of "Luisatania" and the subsequent entry of U.S.A. into the last Great War doesn't seem to have been forgotten by Hitler.

This terrorization of small and defenceless neutrals is not to be restricted to attacks on shipping. A big campaign in Germany against the freedom of neutral press is expected to follow Doctor Goebbel's speech. The reason for the Propaganda Minister's outburst is said to be the indignant protests by Scandinavian and Dutch newspapers against German submarine attacks on neutrals. Evidently the Nazis want them to take it all lying down. And they expect, perhaps, that by these diabolic methods they will be able to blackmail the neutrals into accepting German tutelage. Such hope, however, is groundless. Each neutral ship that is sunk strengthens the anti-Nazi feeling in neutral countries.

Our London Letter

Churchill's Call To Women

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, February 3.

During the last seven days we had four speeches from four leaders. Mr. Winston Churchill went to Manchester, where thirty five years ago, he made his first speeches as a Liberal and Free-Trader, to talk as a Conservative member of the British War Cabinet. Tuesday was the seventh anniversary of the rise of the Nazi Party to power in Germany and naturally Hitler provided us with his annual "thanksgiving" oratory. Mr. Chamberlain followed him on the following day and in between the three speakers M. Daladier did not want to be ignored. He made his contribution on the lines of other three speakers, each one in his own turn being thoroughly satisfied with the progress that he was making to win the war.

If Hitler had not been the head of the German Reich, we would have been spared the speeches of Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Churchill and M. Daladier. It must be remembered that seven years ago when Hitler came to power it was the Conservative Party in this country and its press, which welcomed the new regime. "This is a day that will ever be memorable in the history of the world" wrote the "Daily Mail", on January 30, 1935, making Hitler understand what Britain's ruling class thought about his new regime. The "Mail", commenting on Hitler's rise to power, added "It marks the creation of a new type of State and the triumph of a new conception of government. Herr Hitler's regime promises to be the most permanent that Germany, or, indeed, Europe has seen. There is nothing fleeting about it, as there is with the Premiership or Parliamentary countries, where one party is pitted against another and the Prime Minister represents a section only of a divided nation."

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Five years ago the "Daily Mail" and other Conservative papers agreed that although critics might pick holes in the Nazi regime, they could not deny that "it translates into action many of Plato's ideas or that it is informed with a disinterested passion for high ideals—the greatness of the Fatherland, the attainment of social justice and unflinching fidelity to duty. But above all, Herr Hitler has impregnated his people with an indestructible morale and an unswerving faith in the destinies of Germany. He has proved that he is no demagogue but a statesman and true reformer." That was written exactly five years ago, since when a certain section of the British ruling class made it easy for Hitler to continue and persecute his people. Nevertheless, exactly five years later all these worshippers of the German Chancellor referred to all this as the "Teutonic barbarism which threatens European civilisation and which has instilled into the minds of German youth a dangerous lust for world power." The "Mail" wrote early this week: "Hitler's seven years as Chancellor had been seven lean years for Europe" and that "Hitler has been the evil genius of an evil time. Democratic statesmen have been blamed for missed opportunities in dealing with this man. But the world knows that no concessions would have appeased him, no agreement would have been kept".

Just as the German Press is accusing Daladier and Chamberlain as war-mongers, the British Press has described Hitler's speech on Tuesday night as that of a criminal war-monger. But in reality what Hitler spoke on Tuesday night has not been different from what he has been saying for the past seven years. Only now it has dawned on those people in this country who backed him in the past that his latest pronouncement is as worthless as all the others. "If the Germans are content with these outpourings they are, indeed, a patient and credulous people" added the "Daily Mail."

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In the course of his Manchester speech, Mr. Churchill did not take the trouble of correcting himself in relation to his warning to the neutrals to side with the Allies instead of sitting pretty. That task was obviously handed to the Prime Minister, who in the course of his speech at the Dorchester Hotel, went out of his way to inform the neutrals that Mr. Churchill did not really mean what he said. Mr. Churchill at Manchester played the role of a pied piper and the First Lord of the Admiralty is looking forward to a ready response from a million women to his bugle call from the Manchester Free Trade Hall. According to the First Lord of the Admiralty the British Government is planning to secure more than a million additional women for work on munitions The First Lord did not mince his words. He indicated some probable form of compulsion to secure women's services, stating: "More than a million women must come into our war industry, into the shell plants and munition works, and above all, into the aircraft industry." At the moment there are something like 380,000 women unemployed, including nearly 22,000 women normally employed in the metal, engineering and allied industries. Mr. Churchill's declaration indicates that steps are to be taken to secure many new women entrants into industry, and the transference of women from their old trades into the munition factories.

I am told this is only the first of a number of similar declarations which will be made by the spokesmen of the Government, which, it is estimated, will practically compel about four million women to enter commerce and industry during the course of the war. Four million extra women in industry will mean the employment of practically all the unmarried women up to 55 years of age and of at least one-third of the married women in the country. It should be remembered that the number of women in industry increased by one and a quarter millions during the 1914-18 war. Married women, especially soldiers' wives and widows, were forced to return to industry owing to hardships created by the war, including low separation allowances and the high cost of living. Notwithstanding the fact that in March 1915, in London alone 30,000 industrial women were unemployed, the Board of Trade requested women of all classes to register for National Service. Mr. Churchill gently indicated on Saturday last that the vast army of women now required by the Government in industry may be employed under conditions and wages not countenanced by established trade union agreements, a menace to all wage earners. As the average wage for women workers is only 33s. a week, and the Government has already declared that there must be no increase in wages during the war it is obvious that the time has arrived for united action by all sections of workers to secure a minimum wage for women of £2 a week, the strengthening of the trade unions, and the safeguarding of established workers' conditions.

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On Thursday night in the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain refused the demand of the two Oppositions and members of his own Party for a new Minister of Economics to sit in the Cabinet. But as a concession to the Direction, Decision and Drive urged by Mr. Herbert Morrison he announced that Sir Andrew Duncan, the new President of the Board of Trade, is setting up an Exports Council to capture markets lost by Germany. Mr. Morrison wanted a Minister who could tell other Ministers and officials, "You are all wrong. This is what you

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Foreign Press And The War

(FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Here are a few comments from foreign Press on the War:

ITALY

The allegation that British diplomacy had been forestalled by the astuteness of Herr von Ribbentrop was made by the Italian press on the night of January 20.

The "Giornale d'Italia" in a Berlin dispatch published a Nazi denial of an accord with Rumania and stated that the question of the Gazizia Oilfields had been settled in the Russo-German agreement.

The "Corriere Della Sera's" London correspondent wrote: "Once more it seems that British diplomacy has been forestalled by the astuteness of von Ribbentrop and his collaborators." This paper insisted that the world was not impressed by the advantages of British and French riches but would prefer some sign that the Allies war aims showed a desire to destroy any inequalities and repair injustices. "Instead, everything points to their intention to increase their already spectacular riches," added the paper. "How can the world believe that from such co-operation anything like a new order or better international justice can arise?"

EGYPT.

A strong denunciation of the methods of aggression was made in "Revue Du Caire" of January, 20.

This journal stated: "Egypt, reached political maturity, understands clearly the task assumed by the Western Democracies and is bound to approve. If there is one regime profoundly repulsive to Islam it is that founded on oppression and the refusal of liberty of thought.

"Despite the horrors of war, a comfort and consolation is to be found in the new solidarity between East and West and the sincere co-operation which proves once more that the defence of spiritual values is not western or eastern but simply human."

SWEDEN.

A scathing attack on propaganda methods was made in "Dagens Nyheter" of January, 21.

Characterising the present day as the "Propaganda Day," the paper stated: "If the technique of propaganda from those countries who have developed it furthest with the object of gaining political power has any following elsewhere, the situation will arise in civilisation in which all men sit in darkness and the shadow of death as victims of wild rumours and distorted truths. Men will be entirely dependent on guessing ability to pierce through and reveal the powerful and oracular utterances of those in power. For peaceful relations between peoples and a basis of justice on which to build them up, such a situation may mean death and the bottomless pit for civilisation."

The belief that a German "Blitzkrieg" in the West is now almost impossible has been expressed in the Swedish Press. "The chance of a German lightning war has now been greatly reduced" states the "Goteborg Morgenpost." "We cannot avoid the impression that the Dutch experts are too optimistic as regards the winter defence measures, but we sustain the peoples' belief in the strength of the defences.

Regarding a suggested change in the freedom of the Swedish Press the "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" states: "If the freedom of the Press is to be changed in such a manner that opportunism be the dominant factor and each case is to be treated differently the Government is treading a dangerous path. The fact that papers in certain totalitarian States are subordinate to the Government is no reason for us to allow a similar development."

Signor Mussolini is attempting to obtain a foothold in the Balkans at the expense of Britain and France. A report to this effect has been reproduced in the "Goteborgsposten." "The suspicion has arisen that Mussolini

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Frankly Speaking

Beneath Consulting?

Some questions in the Central Legislative Assembly elicited the admission that neither the Government of India nor the public were consulted by the British Government about Clause 2 of the Bill amending the Government of India Act. The public, directly interested in the Clause, which refers to income tax, were simply ignored, as were Provincial Governments. Or perhaps the British Government assumed, as they often do, that they knew best what the Indian public wanted. As regards the Government of India, though it may be strictly accurate to say that they were not "consulted," it may be equally accurate to say that they themselves suggested the change in the Act.

Needless Delay

The Bill to amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act so as to secure an increase in the floor space allotted to Haj pilgrims on the ships is a modest long-needed measure which might well have been straightway referred to a Select Committee instead of being circulated for opinion. The change suggested, namely, an increase in the minimum space allotted to a pilgrim from 16 to 18 square feet is a simple necessary reform which did not need prolonged discussion by the public Considering that the Haj journey is a long one and much of the space allotted to a pilgrim is taken up by his luggage, a space of 18 square feet is certainly not too much. Mr. Hussainbhai Lalji, who as a Director of one of the pilgrim carrying companies knew his case well, pointed out that the space now allowed was insufficient and the consequent discomfort often aggravated illnesses which sometimes ended fatally. Now that it has been decided to circulate the Bill, we can only hope Government will give it the earliest possible chance to be considered by the Assembly.

Help To House-Building

The decision of the Bombay Municipality to grant loans to persons, desiring to erect buildings of their own, will be warmly welcomed. This proposal was first mooted before the Rent Inquiry Committee and it was accordingly moved by the leader of the Congress Municipal Party. In the Western countries, the State has always actively encouraged private house-building, apart from the numerous Housing Co-operative Societies operating there. In India, too, co-operative effort is not lacking, but somehow housing societies have not made the headway they ought to have done, at any rate in Bombay. There is a good number of persons, who would certainly prefer to own their own properties instead of paying heavy rents, if capital was made available to them on reasonable terms. It is to be hoped that the Corporation will not consider those loans as a money-making proposition and make them as attractive as possible. It is one of the finest types of civic service that the Corporation can render to rate-payers. Care will have to be taken also that the premises, so financed, will be used strictly for his own dwelling purposes by the party concerned.

Problems For Parsis

The living conditions of the Parsis of Bombay is the subject matter of a report published by the Parsi Charity Organisation Society. The report attempts to place before the community a few facts concering the economic and housing conditions of the Parsis in Bombay and suburbs. The statistics have been supplied by the Parsi Statistical Bureau, but are (as admitted in the report) subject to the qualification that some 2,000 families did not care to return the forms and over a thousand were rejected or valueless. Assuming that there are roughly 14,000 families in Bombay, this absence of information about a third makes the report a little less important than it might have been. Whereas, those whose monthly family income is over Rs. 1,000, are counted as 601 souls, this information is invalidated by the fact that most of the 2,000 families who supplied no data are reported to be belonging to this class. The main problems of the Parsis are housing and education. The statistics of those receiving education show a distinct tendency among the Parsis to go for commerce and industry rather than for arts and crafts. Food first and then the soul appears to be their slogan and the realisation that in the years to come the problems of food and housing and education are going to increase, has made them wake up from their complacent slumber to look for the first time into the prospects of the community in the future. The report is a discouraging one and it is time the community as a whole tried to face the problem.

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ET TU BRUTE!

"Mr. Jinnah's article in 'Time and Tide' is not calculated to assist a settlement of the present political impasse in India. It is certain to provoke controversy; frankly it is difficult to see what constructive purpose is served by raising the bogey of separate Hindu and Muslim "nations" in India at a time when communal relations are unfortunately so embittered."
—Editorial in "Times of India."

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According to Herr Goebbels, the present war is "a fundamental conflict between the German Social state and the British plutocracy."

The poor French may as well not be fighting on the Western Front!

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Continued the German Propaganda Minister:—

"What Frederick the Great began and Bismarck continued now matures to fulfilment."

And after maturity—decline and decay?

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The new commander of the Russian forces in Finland has been asked to bring the war to a successful end, regardless of sacrifice.

The trouble is that the 'counter-revolutionary' Finns are not obliging enough to capitulate!

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It is reported that there is increasing apprehension in Moscow lest prolongation of the war leads to "unwanted foreign political complications."

But aren't "foreign political complications just the thing required for the successful accomplishment of a world revolution?

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In the Legislative Assembly, asked by Mr. James if Government was aware of any special reason why they were not consulted by British Government with regard to the clause (in the Bill to amend the Government of India Act) which affected provincial revenues, the Finance Member said he could not indicate any particular reason.

We appreciate his reticence. One should not rule in such matters too often. They make the "Government of India" look so miserably uncomfortable.

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"One million people in Berlin alone have no means of heating their homes at all".
—Berlin correspondent of Dutch paper.

We had imagined the Fuehrer was supplying a sufficient quantity of hot air.

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The same correspondent further observes:—

"Newspapers, of course, can no longer keep silent about some hardships, but they have been instructed to keep up the spirits of the people by appealing to their patriotism and sense of humour."

Sense of humour in the Nazis? Ha! Ha!! Ha!!!

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A wordy battle over whether smoking was allowed at a meeting of the Municipal Standing Committee marked the proceedings of the Committee, when it met on Wednesday afternoon.

In other words—where there is smoke there is a conflagration!

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The elephant fight which was to have been held at Brabourne Stadium has been abandoned.

—Probably as a concession to vested interests of the existing White Elephant.

Hidayatullah Pooh-Poohs

'Pakistan' Plan Of Muslim League

ADVOCATES JOINT ELECTORATES AS SOLVENT OF INDIA'S COMMUNAL MALADY

"We have been blamed by the Muslim League for playing into the hands of the Hindus. I do not understand how the League is making overtures to Hindus in Sind to form a Ministry", Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah told a "Chronicle" representative. He ridiculed the "Pakistan" idea and the cant about many nations in India and observed: "All this talk of different nations is on account of the existence of separate electorates. Muslims should realise that they are in a minority, whether under separate or joint electorates".

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatulla who arrived in Bombay told a "Chronicle" representative, when asked about the future prospects of the Sind Ministry, that it was not difficult for them to form a Ministry with the help of a number of Muslims. In fact eight League members had already made overtures and were prepared to support them so that they might form a stable Muslim Ministry. But they did not want to have recourse to such a step as it would be a short-sighted policy and might have repercussions in other provinces where the Muslims were in a minority. "Also we want to set an example to the majority communities in other provinces", he added.

Referring to the Clause in the Marketing Bill on which the Government sustained defeat Sir Ghulam Hussain had some pertinent remarks to make. "This Bill is the product of Seth Daulatram Mohandas, our erstwhile colleague. He even got the credit for it at its first reading. But, at the time of voting he disowned his own foster-child and voted against it". He added that the Select Committee to which the Bill was referred was fully representative of the Hindus. He was convinced that this Clause was in the best interests of the poor people.

"The League people are always speaking of "Mussalmanee", and here is a provision against which they have voted which was for the benefit of the growers most of whom happen to be Mohamedans", he said:

Criticising the attitude of the Congress party, Sir Ghulam Hussain said: "The Congress Party neither wants to accept responsibility nor to support a Ministry. This attitude of the Congress Party is quite irresponsible."

Proceeding he expressed surprise how the Congress Party which had been blaming the League for the recent riots could "make an unholy alliance" with that body.

He suggested that the Congress High Command should look into this matter. He was afraid that they were not looking to the Congress principles, but their seats in a future election.

"In other provinces", he added, "the Congress is trying to show that India can govern herself not only in the Provinces, but also at the Centre. But here they are trying to do and undo things. We ask them to shoulder the responsibility but they refuse to do so. It is high time that the Congress High Command permitted them to support any good Ministry they liked".

He was sure that some of the members of the Congress Party would not have been returned except on the Congress ticket, and so the High Command's responsibility was greater.

Referring to the present attitude of the League party in Sind, he said: "We have been blamed by the League for playing into the hands of the Hindus. I do not understand how the League is making overtures to the Hindus to form a Ministry".

Asked as to what he thought of Mr. Jinnah's condition that the Congress should accept the Muslim League as the sole representative of the Mussalmans of India, Sir Ghulam Hussain warmed up and said:

"The Congress will be acting like cowards if they do so: that way they will be letting down their former friends and a large number of Muslims who do not believe in the League". He also expressed his unequivocal disagreement with the "Pakistan" idea as he considered that it was impracticable, as large numbers of people would not like to migrate from their homes. He also did not agree that India was composed of many nations and added: "All this talk of different nations is on account of the existence of separate electorates. Muslims should realise that they are a minority whether under separate or joint electorates."

Questioned about the inclusion of League Ministers in Congress Cabinets, he considered the idea impracticable as this would give rise to dissensions among the Ministers owing to their allegiance to different parties. This was against the spirit of joint responsibility and further the Governor would be called upon to exercise his special responsibilities again and again.

Asked about the Constituent Assembly, he replied that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's proposal to have a conference of all the members of Provincial Legislatures was much more practicable.

After mentioning that the ministerial difficulties in Sind would not have existed but for separate electorates, Sir Ghulam Hussain warranted that Joint Electorates with Plural Constituencies, cumulative voting and reservation of seats for minorities would be the best solution. As an additional safeguard he suggested that every Hindu candidate should be compelled to receive a certain number of Muslim votes and 'vice versa.' In joint electorates parties would be formed on principles and policies.

In answer to a question he said that the Sind Ministry had done everything to protect the Hindus and said that there were many difficulties as there were a number of scattered hamlets with a Hindu home now surrounded by many Muslim houses. They had also made further budgetary provision to increase the security of the Hindus. He expressed surprize as to why the report of Mr. Abdul Qayum was still not released.

JOINT ELECTORATES FOR SIND

Allahbuksh Govt. Joint Electorate Bill Gazetted

KARACHI, Feb. 15.

"Common electorates are more in keeping with democratic institutions. It is considered that such a system of electorates go a long way towards bringing about better relations between the two communities," runs a statement of objects and reasons of Allahibuksh Government Joint Electorate Bill, which has been gazetted to-day.

The Bill adds that elections should be held on the basis of joint electorates, seats should be allotted to Mahomedans and to non-Mahomedans in accordance with their respective populations in municipal borough to be determined in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Provincial Government.

A candidate shall not be deemed to be elected unless he had secured at least ten per cent. of the total number of votes polled in the ward, in which he is a candidate, by non-Mahomedans if he himself is Mohamedan or by Mohamedans if he himself is non-Mahomedan, divided by aggregate number of seats allotted in such a ward to Mahomedans and non-Mahomedans.

If no candidate secures such percentage of votes, or if the number of candidates, who secure such percentage, falls short of the number of seats allotted to the community to which the candidate or candidates belong, the vacancy or vacancies as the case be shall be filled by the provincial Government by nomination from the members of such a community.

The Bill empowers the Government to order fresh elections on the basis of joint electorates even though the terms of office of the present members may not have expired.—A. P.

DUTY OF MUSLIMS IN INDIA IS TO

Join Congress And Fight For Rights

Kashmir Leader Asks People Of States To Rely On Themselves

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"The Muslim League may have genuine grievances against the Congress, but it is the duty of every Muslim in India to realise that the Congress is an organisation that has been built after great sacrifices by Muslims as well as Hindus and that it is, therefore, wrong on the part of Muslims to keep out of such an organisation," observed Shaikh Abdulla, President of the Kashmir National Conference and a member of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference, in the course of a special interview to the "Bombay Chronicle."

Shaikh Abdulla suggested that instead of having a separate organisation, Muslims should merge themselves in the Congress and fight from within, for the removal of their grievances. He was of opinion that a separate organisation had led to mutual suspicion and had also given an opportunity to Britain to follow the policy of divide and rule in India. Once the Muslims joined the Congress, they would no more be misunderstood as reactionaries.

Referring to the popular movement in the Indian States Shaikh Abdulla said that the need of the hour was for strengthening the Central organisation of the States' people, namely, the All-India States Peoples' Conference. The Conference was mainly handicapped for want of finances. He suggested the appointment of an organiser for each zone, entrusted with the work of touring the States, training workers, organising Provincial Conferences and collecting facts regarding treaties between the States and the Paramount Power, details of administration and the grievances of the subjects.

Mr. Shaikh Abdulla further suggested that the All-India States Peoples' Conference should select such a President who, besides being a man of All-India reputation, should be able to devote whole-time attention to the problems of the States. No president had so far been able to devote whole-time attention to this problem.

"People outside the States should not think in terms of independence only for British India and segregate the 8 crores of people inhabiting the 584 states", observed the Kashmir Nationalist leader. He said that the struggle of the States people was much more difficult than that of the subjects in British India because the former had to struggle against the Princely Order and the Political Department of the Government of India.

Referring to one of the defects in the present movement in some of the Indian States Mr. Shaikh Abdulla said that the peoples' representatives had lost much of their initiative because they sought advice of Mahatma Gandhi or some other Nationalist leader on every problem of the State though these leaders might not be in touch with local conditions. Mr. Shaikh Abdulla suggested that local workers should learn to decide things for themselves in the light of local conditions.

Young Soldier

Commits Suicide?

Following close on the shooting incident in which a retired I.M.S officer shot himself comes another story of a young soldier who shot himself dead at Colaba on Thursday evening.

It is reported that at about 7 p.m. on Thursday, Private S. Morgan, who was on duty in the Quarter Master's Office at Colaba barracks, shot himself in the head with his own gun. He died almost immediately

RATIONING IN VATICAN CITY

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 14.

Even the Vatican has had to come in line with the rest of Europe and is establishing rationing of bread, sugar, coffe, butter, tobacco and petrol. Residents must indent for supplies which are then delivered to them at their homes.

Prices in the Vatican City are still much lower than in Rome and to prevent abuses of the customs the Vatican authorities have taken over the administration of the customs which hitherto have been in the hands of a private company.

The telephone system in the Vatican City hitherto operated by laymen has been handed to the members of religious orders.

NEUTRALS AND PEACE CONFERENCE

COPENHAGEN: Feb. 14.

A hint that the neutrals must be asked to attend the Peace Conference at the end of the war is given by M. Hambro President of the Norwegian Storting speaking here.

He said that one of the biggest failures of the Treaty of Versailles was that victors and vanquished met to arrange Europe's future without consulting the neutrals. When peace is being made in the future, it is imperative that this shall not be repeated. British dominions always stood close to small countries and they share this view as do other nations who feel themselves attached to great Powers.—Reuter.

Italian Supreme Defence Council Session Ends

LONDON, Feb. 15

According to the Rome radio, the session of the Italian Supreme Defence Council ended last evening.

A communique signed by Mussolini stresses the importance of meetings and adds that matters of military, naval and aeronautical importance and matters concerning civilian Labour were discussed.—Reuter.

Black-out Degree Rescinded

MOSCOW, Feb. 15.

The decrees enforcing a complete black-out in Archangel has been rescinded after a one-day's trial.

It is claimed that black-out can be enforced so effectively at short notice that there is no need to make it permanent.—Reuter.

NO MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH SOVIET

LONDON, Feb. 14.

According to a Belgian dispatch quoted on the Brussels radio, authoritative circles in Berlin assert that Germany has no intention of entering into a Military alliance with the Soviet.—Reuter.

SNOWSTORMS IN BALKANS.

LONDON, Feb. 15.

Snowstorms of unprecedented violence are now raging in the Balkans according to the German wireless which states that whole Rumanian traffic has stopped as most parts of the country have developed seven feet of snow. Central Europe is still experiencing Arctic weather and a blizzard has stopped nearly all Hungarian railway traffic. Snow is till falling in Budapest.—Reuter.

BLIZZARD HAVOC IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Feb. 15

The blizzard which Hungary is experiencing has put nearly all the railway lines out of action. An intense cold spell continues. Snow is still falling.

The capital needed 15,000 men to clear the streets but the weather is so bitterly cold that only 634 reported for the task.

The city has been cut off from the main supplies of eggs and potatoes. Many cars have been abandoned in the streets while in one district two-horse drawing a cart were found with only their heads visible above the snow.—Reuter.

EXPEDITE OUTPUT

DIRECTIONS TO COTTON GOODS PRODUCERS

LONDON, Feb. 14

With a view to expediting production and delivery of cotton goods to meet Government requirements and export orders system of preference, directions will be brought into operation under the control of the cotton industry.

An order is issued today empowering the Minister of supply to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry to give preference to production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments or for other approved purposes despite obligations to which they may be subject under contracts for which no directions have been issued for example orders for Home trade.—Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN BIRMINGHAM SHOP

LONDON, Feb. 15.

An explosion, believed to have been caused by the I.R.A. occurred at about midnight at a shop in the centre of Birmingham.

One man was injured and taken to hospital.

A bomb also exploded at Aston, a suburb of Birmingham.

In addition, three unexploded bombs were found in the centre those registered yet had left for Finland. The question of what uniform the volunteers are to wear as also the rate of pay had not yet been decided. The spokesman suggested that in view of the language difficulty, the British vounteers would probably be drafted on arrival in Finland into an international unit with Finnish soldiers to do liaison work.

Survivors Of French Tankers

OSLO, Feb. 14.

It is reported that 28 men from the French tanker "Picardie" (8,283 tons), which holed in mid-Atlantic on February 2 were landed yesterday, at Guadalopue.

The men were seen and taken off by the Northern steamer "Samuel Bakke", as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

Lifeboat Rescued In North Sea

LONDON, Feb. 14.

A coastal command machine was instrumental in effecting the rescue of three ships lifeboats, each containing a number of men, in the North Sea yesterday. While on patrol the pilot saw the lifeboats and immediately set off in search of help. A steamer was sighted and directed towards the position where the lifeboats were seen, which was about three hours steaming away. Before the ship reached the position the approach of darkness forced the aircraft to leave but the steamer succeeded in finding the lifeboats and picked up all the men.—Reuter

Five Survivors Of Danish Ship Rescued

OSLO, Feb. 15.

It is reported that five of the crew of the Danish ship "Martin Goldschmidt" (2,095 tons) have been rescued by a Norwegian vessel off the north west coast of Scotland.

Fifteen of the crew are reported lost.—Reuter.

Berlin Decrees

Give No Quarter To Neutral Ships

Fresh Instructions To U-Boats: Excuse Of Contraband Aboard

TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK

LONDON, February 15.

New instructions, that will mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels, have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching Amsterdam from Berlin. The "Burgerdijk" Dutch steamer sunk by German submarine, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures.

The "Telegraaf's" Berlin correspondent reporting what he has told in Wilhelmstrasse formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship, homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, puts into an enemy port, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

American Ships Should Be Torpedoed

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships and search them at sea instead of taking them to control point in the downs.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new rule, and feelings in Holland are particularly bitter that Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves big ones alone.

German Submarines Sunk

Two submarines concerned in the sinking of the British merchantmen "Gretafield", "British-Triumph" and "Sultanstar" have been destroyed.

An Admiralty announcement issued at 7-27 p.m. says. Since the sinking of the two U-Boats by a British destroyer was announced on February 2, three large British merchantships, namely, "Gretafield" British-Triumph" and "Sultanstar" have been sunk but two of the U-Boats concerned have also been destroyed. In the case of the sinking of the "Sultanstar" the U-Boat only survived his victim by half an hour."—Reuter.

OSLO, Feb. 15.

According to "Bergens Aftenbald", a U-Boat blew up and sank, apparently as the result of the action of a British destroyer, before she could fire a torpedo with which the U-boat intended to sink a Norwegian vessel.

The crew of the Norwegian ship with 33 survivors of the Norwegian Motor vessel "Snestad" which they had rescued had already taken to boats but when the submarine sank, they returned aboard and brought the ship safely to Bergen to-day.

The "Snestad" (4114 tons), bound for America, was torpedoed on Sunday after the crew had been warned to take to boats. They were picked up the next day by another Norwegian vessel.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER MISSING

OSLO, Feb. 15.

A U-boat arrived at Wilhelmshaven with two survivors from the Norwegian steamer 'Eika' (1503 tons) which had not been heard of since January 27, according to a cable received by "Eika's" owners from the Norwegian Consulate at Bamburg.

The "Eika" which was 'en route' to Norway from Spain had a crew of eighteen.—Reuter.

Five Men Missing From Capsized London Tanker

LONDON, Feb. 14.

Five men are believed to be missing from the London tanker "British Triumph", (8,501 tons) which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea.

Twenty-one members of the crew landed at an east coast port and 21 at a second port.—Reuter.

Danish Steamer Sink By U-Boat

OSLO, February 15.

British aerolane was responsible for saving the whole crew of 30 of the Danish steamer "Chastine Maersk" after she was sunk by a German U-boat in the North Sea, 80 miles off the Norwegian coast.

The 'plane sighted the men in life-boats and called a Norwegian ship to the rescue.

The vessel was 'en route' from Moroeco to Denmark with a cargo of phosphate fertilizer. The crew were given time to take to the boats whereafter 27 shells were fired into the ship.—Reuter.

Survivors Of 'Gretafield'

LONDON, Feb. 14.

The survivors of the "Gretafield" interviewed in hospital told how they had to row for their lives in foot deep burning oil, through which they could hardly pull their boats after leaving the blazing oiltanker before they were picked up by trawlers.—Reuter.

72 Survivors Of "Sultan Star"

An engineroom storekeeper, who went up the starboard engineroom tunner just before the ship was struck was the only member of the crew of the 'Sultan Star" lost. 72 survivors were landed at a west of England port to-day, two suffering from slight head injuries.

"The captain says the wireless operator stayed at his post until the ship's funnel was under water and was then picked up by one of the ship's boats.

How 'Burjerdijk' Was Torpedoed

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.

The Captain of the "Burgerdijk" revealed at a press interview that the U-boat which torpedoed his ship instructed the wireless operator to send out an S.O.S. that the ship was sinking after a collision. The U-boat ordered the Captain and the crew to take to boats and then torpedoed her.

GERMANY BLAMES HOLLAND

The Berlin Correspondent of the Zurich "Basler Nachrichten" reports that Germany is now blaming Holland for the sinking of the "Burgerdijk" and states that in authoritative German circles it is claimed that any neutral ship submitting to enemy control of zigzagging on her course may legitimately be sunk whether carrying contraband or not.—Reuter

Dutch Protest To Germany

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.

It is learned that the Dutch Government have made a serious verbal protest to the German Government pending the dispatch of a written communication concerning the torpedoing of the "Burgerdijk".

It is understood that the Netherlands will demand full compensation. It is stated in authoritative circles that although the possibility of the commander of the U-boat having acted contrary to his instructions is not excluded, this will not free the German Government from its responsibility for "the absolutely unjustifiable act."—Reuter.

Khalsa College Gets Three Years' Extension

SENATE DISCUSSES QUESTION OF AFFILIATION OF INSTITUTIONS IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

The question whether the affiliation of the Khalsa College, Matunga, was to be continued for one year or three years was keenly debated at the annual meeting of the Bombay University Senate, on Thursday. Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice-Chancellor was in the chair.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi who sought to revise the decision of the Academic Council and the Syndicate by moving an amendment in favour of the continuation of affiliation to three years carried the majority with her.

The principle of fixing the minimum salary was also discussed.

The Senate decided to grant permanent affiliations to the Bahauddin College, Junagadh, to the Ramanarain Ruia College, Bombay, and to the College of Engineering, Poona, affiliations to King George V Institute, Sakrand, (Sind) for courses leading to the degree of B. Sc. in agriculture, to D. A. V. College at Sholapur; continuation and extension of affiliations to Secondary Teachers' Training College, Baroda, to Seth Lalbhai Dalpatbhai College, Ahmedabad, Karnatak College, Dharwar for the B. A. Pass course in Marathi and for the teaching of Physics and Botany as the principal subjects for the B. Sc. examination and to the D. A. V. College, Sholapur and Khalsa College, Bombay.

At the outset, tributes to three educationists who died since the previous meeting were paid by the Chairman.

Referring to the late Mr. Rustom Cama, the Chairman stated that he was a Fellow of the University of Bombay for about 20 years.

The late Mr. K. S. Aiyar, Mr. Masani observed, was a Fellow of the Bombay University. for about 29 years.

The late Dr. H. N. Anklesaria was an Ordinary Fellow of the University for over two years and was a member of the Faculty of Medicine.

Consideration of an application for the grant of permanent affiliation to the Bahauddin College, Junagadh, for courses of study, leading to the Intermediate Science examination, was, then, taken up.

Principal G. Palacios moved that the Senate might approve the report of the Syndicate in the mater of the permanent affiliation of the Bahauddin College, Junagadh, and might record the opinion that it be permanently affiliated to the Bombay University from June 1940 for the courses of study for the Intermediate Science examination in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, subject to the conditions that the Departments of Chemistry, Physics and Biology be properly staffed according to the recommendations of the Local Inquiry Committee and that a written undertaking be given to that effect by the State authorities.

Mr. D. D. Karve seconded the proposition.

Principal M. M. Zuhuruddin Ahmed observed that he had never been informed before hand about the necessary conditions to be fulfilled for securing the grant of the affiliation. They came to him as a thunderbolt.

Principal G. Mckenzie, then, moved an amendment that the proposition be referred back to the Senate for reconsideration.

Mr. K. T. Shah thought that in case the amendment was accepted, an awkward position would be created, as the Senate would have to meet again in about March, to reconsider the recommendation of the Syndicate.

The Chairman stated that the College would have to go on with the work, in anticipation of the grant of affiliation.

Mr. D. D. Karve opposed the amendment.

The amendment when pressed to a division was declared lost, 44 voting for and 67 against.

The original proposition, was carried.

SURAT LAW COLLEGE.

Dr. B. G. Vad moved that the affiliation of the Sarvajanik Law College, Surat, be continued for a further period of three years from June 1, 1940.

Mr. B. N. Gokhale moved an amendment seeking to impose conditions on the grant. He wanted that the full-time Professors should be paid at least Rs 150-50-250 per mensem and part-time Professors at the rate of Rs. 100 per mensem, that the fees of the College should be brought to the level of other colleges, i.e., Rs. 90 per term with effect from the next term and that an adequate sum should be set apart annually for a Reserve Fund.

Mr. K. T. Shah, on a point of order, asked whether the Senate was competent to interfere in the internal administration of an institution, as the amendment sought to do.

The Chairman ruled that the amendment was in order.

Mr. Gokhale pointed out his amendment included only the conditions recommended by the Local Inquiry Committee.

Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri who was one of the members of the Committee which inspected the college, in seconding the amendment observed that the report of the committee was based on the principle of uniformity. The Committee thought that it had an implied authority to work in the interests of the college.

Prof. J. Duhr opposed the amendment.

Principal Advani said that although it might be legal for the Senate to interfere in matters like the salary of professors, it was neither advisable nor desirable to do so.

Prof. A. K. Trivedi opposed the amendment.

Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar also opposed the amendment.

Maulvi M. Y. Haindade, another member of the Local Enquiry Committee, supported the amendment.

Principal N. M. Shah opposed the amendment and attacked the findings of the Local Inquiry Committee. He could say that the history of the Sarvajanik Society was a standing monument to the sacrifice made by lawyers. It was unfair, in his opinion to pass a final, sweeping verdict on the ability of the college.

The amendment was lost by an overwhelming majority and the original resolution was passed.

Principal Dr. John McKenzie moved that the affiliation of the Secondary Teachers' Training College, Baroda for the B.T. course be continued and that affiliation of the same college for the diploma in teaching be extended. The motion sought to lay down a minimum of Rs. 100 for a lecturer.

Principal N. M. Shah moved an amendment for the deletion of the clause laying down the condition of minimum salary.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta supporting the amendment thought that the minimum salary should not have been imposed, because the scheduled posts in Baroda laid down a minimum of Rs. 125.

The lecturer's post was a scheduled post and it would not be encouraging to make the authorities in Baroda believe that the Bombay University stood for lower salaries.

The amendment was passed and the resolution as amended was carried.

KHALSA COLLEGE

Principal N. M. Shah moved that the affiliation of Khalsa College, Matunga, be continued for one year from June 1, 1940 subject to the proviso that nine conditions were fulfilled by March 31, 1940.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi moved an amendment tha the period be extended to three years.

The chairman stated that he had received a letter from the college authorities stating that steps were being taken to fulfil the conditions.

Mrs. Munshi stated that the conditions laid down were very stringent and they now understood that steps were being taken to fulfil those conditions. To infuse a sense of stability among the students, it was necessary to extend the period to three years.

Prof. Advani supported the amendment and Prof. J. Duhr opposed it.

Mr. M. C. Chagla thought that the sword of Democles should not be left to hang over the institution. If the conditions were carried out, why should not the college be given a chance for 3 years?

Prof. A. K. Trivedi supported the amendment.

Prof. K. T. Shah opposed the amendment. The conditions constituted a warning.

Prof. T. K. Sahani supported the amendment and Dr. Gurye opposed it.

Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia opposing the amendment stated the motion constituted a compromise between two extreme views.

Principal V. K. R. V. Rao supported the amendment.

Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar opposed the amendment. Mr. D. D. Karve also opposed the amendment.

Mr. K. M. Munshi supporting the amendment said that the Senate was certainly competent to repudiate the suggestion made by the Academic Council and the Syndicate. He pleaded that an extension of three years be granted.

After Mrs. Munshi had replied the debate, the amendment was put to vote, pressed to a division and passed by 43 votes for and 37 votes against.

The amended resolution was passed and the meeting adjourned till Friday (to-day).

A.I.C.C. MEMBERS FROM MAHARASHTRA

Resolution Reaffirms Faith In Gandhiji

(From Our Correspondent).

POONA CITY, Feb. 15

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M.L.A (Central) was re-elected President of the M. P. C. C. for another term unanimously. His name was proposed by Mr. K. M. Jedhe, M.L.A. (Central) and seconded by Mr. Shankar Rao Deo.

Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier, Mr. L. M. Patil, ex-Minister, B. M. Gupte, ex-Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Shankar Rao Deo, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Mr. Deokinandan, Mr. V. V. Kirtane, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Mr. R. N. Abhyanker, Mr. V. P. Limaye, Mr. V .D. Chitale, Mr. G. B. Joshi, Mr. W Dandekar, Mr. G. H. Deshpande, Mr. V. N. Naik, Mr. Vasant Bhagwat, Mr Balubhai Mehta, Mr. S. G. Sardesai, Mr. Ramkrishna Jaju, Mr. V. M. Tarkunde, Mr. A. N. Patil and Mr. R. K. Patil were elected to the All-India Congress Committee.

Their composition is: Three Communists; two Royists; one Forward Bloc and the rest Gandhites.

The meeting, after a full dress debate, lasting over two hours passed by overwhelming majority a resolution expressing confidence in Gandhi's leadership and backing the Working Committee policy. It was moved by Mr. Rao Saheb Patwardhan and supported among others by Mr. Shankar Rao Deo.

FOREIGN PRESS AND THE WAR

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exaggerates the Soviet danger to the Balkans in order to obtain influence there" it is stated. "Mussolini wants to play a game of big politics in the Balkans and to obtain strategic positions at the expense of England and France."

BULGARIA.

The possibility of an improvement in relations between Italy and Soviet Russia has been discussed in the Bulgarian Press.

The Rome correspondent of the "Outro," in a dispatch to his paper on January 21, quoted the comment of Italian Government circles on Russia's decision to cede petrol districts in Galicia to Germany. It was stated that as the Nazis will have a common frontier with Rumania, Soviet relations with Hungary and Rumania would be improved. The view is taken that the situation in the Balkans would now be radically altered with a resultant rapprochement between Italy and the Soviet Union.

U. S. A.

The possibility that the Germans or Japanese might obtain such a foothold in South America that would leave the U.S.A. no other course but to abandon her policy of isolation, has been expressed in the American Provincial Press.

"Germany and Japan are frankly out for all they can get under the direction of their ambitious leaders," states the "Chicago News." They are imbued with theories of their own superiority, which in their view entitles them to conquer and rule others. There is no suggestion yet that they would directly attack the United States but there is a possibility that, flushed with victory and thinking themselves invincible, they might begin a series of encroachments in South America that would leave us no choice but to abandon the Monroe Doctrine or defend it with arms."

DENMARK.

The "Politiken" in a leader states: "The neutral countries will not feel grateful to the First Lord of the Admiralty for having again brought them into an international debate. A greater and nobler task for the great powers would be to stop the brutal and unjust attacks on Finland rather than to attempt to involve other small neutrals in hostilities."

SWITZERLAND.

Mr. Churchill's appeal to the neutral countries is characterised in the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" as "dangerous advice to the neutrals." Other papers do not comment on the First Lord's speech, but evidently foresee the likelihood of an extension of the war area. After stating that the speeches by Mr. Churchill and Lord Halifax were among the most important events since the outbreak of the war the "National Zeitung" adds: "The war is becoming increasingly a struggle for steel and oil. Should Russia and Germany join hands the extension of the war to the far north or far South of Europe will give the Allies an opportunity to cut off sources of supplies." This paper later states: "Britain's dealings are concentrated on closing the gaps in the blockade in the North and South East."

KOLHAPUR PRISONERS ON HUNGER-STRIKE

BOMBAY, Feb. 15.

About 150 prisoners in the Kolhapur Central Jail went on hunger-strike this morning as a protest against the refusal by the authorities to accept their demands, according to a message received here from Kolhapur.

The condition of three political prisoners is reported to be causing anxiety.

Official confirmation is, however not available.—United Press.

GIRL'S FAST UNTO DEATH

Grievance Against Allahabad Seva Samiti School Authorities

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 15.

Considerable stir has been caused by the hunger-strike of a girl aged 25 years, who is an ex-student of the local Mahila Seva Sadan Girls School. Vijaisatya is the name of the girl.

It is said she has got some complaints or grievances against the Seva Sadan. The matter appears even to have gone for enquiry before the Inspectoress of Schools. She says she has exhausted all means to secure redress of her grievances, but her efforts proved fruitless. She, therefore, sometime ago, gave notice to the authorities of the school to fast unto death, if her grievances were not redressed. She started the fast four days ago and is lying scantily clothed and with not much covering to protect herself from cold nights in the veranda of the Mahila Seva Sadan.

Mrs. Lado Rani Zutshi, Mrs. Banerji and other prominent women visited her and expressed their concern for her condition. Last night several ladies persuaded her to remove herself from the Seva Sadan premises and took her away in a car to another place but she returned to Seva Sadan later at night. She has grown extremely weak. Her brother, who is a doctor is attending to her.

Lahiri And Muzaffar Ahmed Externed From Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

Mr. Somenath Lahiri, a member of the A. I. C. C., and Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed, an ex-Meerut conspiracy case prisoner, were arrested this morning for defiance of an order under the Defence of India Act directing them to leave Calcutta within 24 hours and not to reside within the municipal limits of Calcutta districts of Howrah, Hooghly, 24-Parganas and Asansol Sub-Division.

The order was served on nine others also.

Mr. P. C. Joshi, a Socialist leader of Bombay, and Ratanmar Singh were ordered yesterday to leave Bengal within 24 hours.—United Press.

WORKERS DEMAND WAR ALLOWANCE

Conciliation Proceedings In Sholapur?

The Sholapur Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union has been conducting a campaign for wage increase due to the general rise of prices in the commodities necessary for life. A series of meetings were held, and the resolution of the B.P.T.U.C. Mahagai Conference explained to workers.

As the Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union is not yet registered or declared Representative under the Industrial Disputes Act the Union could not directly approach the owners. It was therefore decided to approach the Labour Officer through workers from all Mills. Groups of workers from all the five mills were taken to the Labour Officer and an application for wage increase was filed on the 13th of February. As in Bombay and Ahmedabad, it is hoped. Conciliation proceedings will be started very soon.

Immediately after filing the application a mass meeting was organised by the Union at Gadda maidan to explain the procedure under the Industrial Disputes' Act. Mr. Khedgikar, M.L.A., was the principal speaker. He explained the Mahagai issue and asked the workers to be prepared for all eventualities in case the demand for wage increase was rejected by the owners Messrs. Meenakshi and Sidramappa also addressed the meeting.

TRADE MARKS BILL

Central Assembly Accepts Two Amendments

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

The House took up the Registration of Trade Marks Bill as reported upon by the Select Committee.

Moving consideration, Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Commerce Member, touched on the principle changes made by the Select Committee. The committee, he said, had reduced from ten to seven years the period at the end of which the validity of Trade Mark could be questioned. More powers had been given mainly to meet the desire of textile interests, to the Deputy Registrar to be established in Bombay.

After accepting two amendments to the registration of Trade Marks Bill, and passing the bill as amended, the Assembly adjourned till Friday when the Railway Budget will be presented. —A. P.

CHURCHILL'S CALL TO WOMEN

(Continued from page 6)

should do". "Three D's", murmured Mr. Chamberlain, "with a man like that there would be a fourth D....before long". Any way, said Mr. Chamberlain, he had never met the superman with such qualities as the job would require. Sir Archibald Sinclair supported the demand for an "economics dictator". And Mr. Amery, who is now leading the independent Conservative M.P.'s in place of Mr. Churchill, supported both Mr. Morrison and Sir Archibald Sinclair. That is clear from his speech.

The speeches from the backbenchers on Thursday night suggest that there is in existence a group of backbench Conservatives, the National Liberal and the National Labourites in addition to some of the members of the Labour and Liberal Oppositions, who are making efforts, of course, behind-the-scene, for a drastic reconstruction of the Government. Observations are being made frequently that the war is being "cramped by a caste caucus" and that industrialists are being hamstrung by "old school ties". According to one report the Chief Whip, whose job it is to chart the currents of opinion in Parliament, has submitted a report on this issue to the Prime Minister. The Chief Whip, Mr. Margeson, is reported to have been perturbed for the first time since the war began, by the restiveness of certain backbenchers. There are those who say that the most heavily under fire Ministers include Lord Chatfield, who is being accused of not co-ordinating anything. Mr. Churchill is being criticised for his call to the neutrals and there is a suggestion that it will be in the interest of the country to remove the First Lord from his present position and to make him a Minister without portfolio. Thus he might be able to devote himself fully to the general prosecution of the war instead of being tied down to departmental work. The third Minister against whom there is some criticism is Mr. Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare. The disgusted M.P.'s from the Liberal and Labour National say that he is not prosecuting the economic war with sufficient vigour.

Kidnappings From British Territory

NEW DELI, Feb. 15.

From a statement made in the Central Assembly to-day by Mr. O. K. Karof, Foreign Secretary, replying to Sardar Sant Singh's questions it appears that altogether 161 persons were kidnapped from British territory by tribal gangs since April 1, 1939. Of them 102 are Hindus including 25 women, 56 are Muslims including 3 women and 3 are Sikhs

Since April 1 26 Muslims including one woman, 18 Hindus including 2 women and 4 Sikhs were killed by tribal gangs in the North-West Frontier Province.

It appears of the kidnapped, 16 were public servants including one I.M.S. Officer, one Customs Officer of Thal, one Sub-Inspector of Police, one Sub-Inspector of the Telephone Department and constables or sepoys of the Frontier Constabulary.—United Press.

Lock-out In Victoria Mill

BOMBAY, Friday.

The management of the Victoria Mill No. 2 declared a lock-out as the weavers who are on strike refused to resume work. The mill is closed.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

A report published by the Liverpool University Press on the condition of coloured families in the port of Liverpool is the work of the Social Science Department of that University. There are some interesting facts revealed in this report. It says, for instance, that when once coloured men leave the occupations which brought them to that country (England) they cannot readily fit into English industrial life and fall to be supported from public funds.

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It goes on to say: "Coloured men tend to marry white women, who are appreciably younger than themselves".

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Unity Mitford has been discussed in both the Lords and the Commons practically simultaneously.

"Mr. Chamberlain admitted that the Foreign Office included her name in a list of Britons in Germany for whom the United States Embassy was asked to do what was possible, and a telegraphic inquiry about her health was sent through the United States Embassy.

Such inquiries had been made about other British subjects, he said.

Mr. Morrison bitterly remarked: "Would the same thing have been done for a working-class person?"

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The Chief Justice of Lahore has made a scathing comment on the conditions of the Indian Bar, at a meeting in New Delhi. His remarks will wake up a lot of people. He says: "A great, honest and fearless Bar is essential in India not only to obtain but to maintain her liberties. The failure of the Indian Bar to take its proper place in India has had, in my opinion, a deteriorating effect upon public life".

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Later in his speech he says: "The sanitary inspectors of any civilised State would at once condemn the courts in which the Magistrates perform their important public duties and the offices in which the unfortunate clerks work must be breeding places of tuberculosis and other diseases caused by lack of light and air and overcrowding. No human being ought to be allowed to work under such conditions, specially Government servants by Government."

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Track notes from Whitehall:—Zetland gave an unimpresive gallop on the brown (Indian) tan. It is possible that he has been over-trained by his connections.

INDIAN ARBITRATION BILL PASSED

Change In Reserve Bank Accounts Year

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

The Assembly this morning passed with one amendment the Indian Arbitration Bill as reported upon by the Select Committee.

A number of amendments were attempted by Mr. Navalrai and Moulvi A. R. Chaudhary but all except one were either rejected or withdrawn, and the Bill was passed.

RESERVE BANK ACCOUNTS YEAR.

Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member introduced in the Assembly this morning a bill to change the date on which the annual accounts of the Reserve Bank of India are closed. This date at present is December 31 each year but it is explained that as it coincides with the height of the busy season the Reserve Bank experiences considerable difficulty in closing its accounts and in preparing its annual report for submission to the shareholders within six weeks, as prescribed in section fourteen of the Reserve Bank Act. The Reserve Bank, therefore, requested Government to introduce the necessary legislation to enable it to close its accounts on 30th June of each year.

The bill seeks to give power to the Bank for the purpose of facilitating the change of the date on which the annual accounts of the Bank are closed, to close its accounts as at the close of business on June 30, 1940, and convene a general meeting, which shall be an annual general meeting, at a place where there is an office of the Bank, within six weeks of that date.—A. P.

MUTT AND JEFF—And Now Mutt Is Going to the Missing Persons Dept. By BUD FISHER

OH, FLOORWALKER! DID YOU SEE MY WIFE? I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET HER HERE AN HOUR AGO!
YOUR WIFE? WELL, SIR -- THERE WAS A WOMAN HERE!
TOYS
11-10
WAS SHE A MEDIUM SIZED WOMAN WITH BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES?
YES, I BELIEVE SHE WAS!
DID SHE HAVE A GREEN COAT TRIMMED WITH SILVER FOX FUR, AND A RED HAT WITH CHERRIES, AND BLACK SHOES?
YES, THATS THE WOMAN! SHE WAS HERE ALMOST TWO HOURS!
GOOD GOSH! WHAT DID SHE SAY?
NOTHING!
THAT WASN'T MY WIFE!

Latest Gallops At Mahaluxmi

Finalist Retains Old Form—Seventh Heaven Pleases On Track

(From OUR TRACK CORRESPONDENT)

The following gallops were noted at Mahaluxmi through the week:—

ONE I LOVE (Britt) and LOCH NESS (R. Boy) had a striding pace nine furlongs gallop on the tan. Both pleased.

FINALIST (Jones) gave all-round satisfaction in a good pace nine furlongs with COEUS (Burn) to go with him. He is fit and well.

FLYING ORDERS (R. Boy) was in front of TETRAZONE (Rook) in a fast run seven furlongs on the race track. One to note.

SOLMINT (Gethin) showed superior speed to PEARL QUEEN (Britt) in a dash over the six on the race-track.

DELPHI (Brace) moved well when holding BASTION (R. Boy) in a sharply run mile on the race-track.

STEEL HELMET (Britt) and DARK WINGS (R. Boy) had an easy mile gallop on the race track. Former had never been better.

PASSE PASSE II (Burn) and MONOCLE (Jones) were sent a mile at a fair pace. Both moved well.

CASH (Johnstone) strode out freely in a mile gallop. He is well.

DABBS (Johnstone) covered seven furlongs on the race-track very satisfactorily.

ROSE APPLE (Johnstone) was vastly superior to TURF KING (Malavich) on a dash over the six on the race-track. A likely winner.

BLACK MAGIC (Jadhav) and NONE SO GAY (K. Hassan) pleased in a sharp run over the six on the tan.

REDOUBLE (Meekings) showed good speed when sent four furlongs on the tan. He has improved.

HARBOUR LIGHT (Britt) had PRESTIGE (R. Boy) beaten in a five furlong burst on the race-track.

BELL BOY (Burn) traversed a mile at a useful pace on the tan and gave satisfaction.

BLUE BONNET (R. Boy) was quite good when negotiating seven furlongs (inner grass).

SEVENTH HEAVEN (Jones) beat CHIEF RULER (Maxwell) in a smart seven furlong on the tan. Former is now in grand trim.

CHANGE OF LUCK (R. Boy) was slightly superior to WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Meekings) in a useful pace seven furlongs on the inner grass

THOUSAND DOLLARS (Evans) moved attractively in a rousing mile spin on the grass. Fit and well.

KOLHAPUR (Evans) disposed of PRINCE HILAL (A. Ali) in a brisk mile run on the inner grass. Likely winner.

DAHMAN SURI (Malavich) and DAHMAN FADHIL (R. Boy) showed up well together in a smart seven furlongs on the inner grass.

ANARKALI (Gethin) was put over seven furlongs on the race-track with SHEIK SHALLAL to pace with her over the last six furlongs. Former shaped well without being extended.

TAJ AL FARAT (Meherji) and FARUQ PASHA (R. Boy) pleased in a good run over seven furlongs (inner grass). They are in good trim.

Note:—LEGION, CAVE MAN, MAROC and USK.

FOUR NEW ITEMS IN VASHI DANCES

The second programme of dances by Nataraj Vashi and his troupe at the Capitol Theatre though it retains, among others, "Nirvana", "Nagakanya", "Pasupatastram" and "Vanjara"—introduces four new items. "Lanka-dance"—an indigenous dance-form of Ceylon—is an interesting item.

Nataraj Vashi was faithful to its traditional style and executed it with vigorous and rhythmic movements. Miss Rooplekha succeeded in giving a realistic touch to the "Marwari Ghumar dance" by her appropriate costume and technique. Kumar Barua rendered his solo "Miri-dance" of Assm with the fervour and force of the traditional dance-form. "Nritya-Ullas" brought together Miss Manjulika, Miss Rooplekha and Mr. Lalitkumar whose soft movements and gestures were distinctly expressive of the theme.

ALL-INDIA TOURNAMENT AT KARACHI

KARACHI, (By Mail.)

Several matches were played in the Cabral Shield All-India Hockey Tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

The following are the results:—

St. Patrick's "A" 1 3/16 Punjab Regiment 0.

Karachi Goans' Association 2 Rangers "B" 0.

City Young Men's Club 6 St Patrick's "B" 0.

Grammer School 1 Crescent 1.

Rangers "A" 1 City Young Men's Club 0.

St. Patrick's 6 King's Own Royal Regiment 0. Karachi Police 2 Karachi Port Trust "A" 1. N.-W. R. 2 Aircraft Depot 2.

Tennis

BARODA TOURNAMENT

BARODA, Feb. 15.

The following are the results of matches played in the Union Gymkhana Tennis Tournament:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Angelo Moses beat P. Sukhlal 6—0; 6—2; M. Jaiswal beat E. J. Samuel 4—6, 6—3, 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Angelo Moses and F. Morenas beat D. Elavia and P. Suklal 8—10, 7—5, 6—4; W. Pherozeshah and Partner beat P. Maganlal and Samuel 3—6, 7—5, 8—6.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship will provide Bombay with a big show in hockey. Fifteen teams from Provinces and Indian States have signified their intention to participate. Two further entries are expected before the closing date.

BOMBAY'S SIDE

Due to the drawn match in the Bombay Provincial Championship there has been a few changes made in the list of players who have to turn out for the trials on Sunday afternoon in relation to the selection of the Bombay's side for the Inter-Provincial Championship.

The following is the revised list of players:—

H. Lynn, Scott, O. Pereira, Alexander, M. Fernandes, Hakim, Latim, J. Pinto, Easdon, F. De Souza, E. T. Marsh, W. Fernandes, E. Bocarro, G. Page, F. Brewin, E. De Souza, Hamid I, Resham Singh, Mohmd. Anwar, Norman Fernandez, Autar Singh, F. E. De Souza, S. Correa, Woodcock, J. Tellis, Adams, G. Thomas, L. Fonseca, Lazarus, V. Conts, B. Gardner, S. V. Tambe.

Hockey

Customs Checked In Championship

Extra Time Fails To Separate Teams On Thursday

CUSTOMS A. C. 0: YOUNG SPORTS 0

The first quarter-final in the Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship resulted in a pointless draw. So strongly did the Customs play that it would not be wrong to say that victory by the Customs would not have surprised anyone. They looked winners often, particularly in the first ten minutes and decidedly so in the early half of extra time, when four short corners were wasted and Zincke lost two good chances in the striking circle.

Young Sports, always a brilliant team, fought hard and also had chances, but the experience of the Customs seemed to tell, and the latter are fighters all the way and gave their opponents no rest.

Aslam and Husnain were in good form behind. Brewin was better in the centre half position. The Customs forwards lacked something. Even, J. Pinto did not put up quite the game the stands expect from him. Sharpe, in goal, was as safe as could be desired.

For the Young Sports Cohen played a prominent part. Too much was asked from Gregory Fernandes. He is good, but he is not the only man in the forward line who is capable of big things. F. De Souza and R. Andrade were capable backs.

Throughout the hockey reached a high standard and despite a lively ball a number of players showed excellent stick work, resulting in fine control.

CUSTOMS ATTACK

It was the Customs who were first to attack and the Young Sports goal had two narrow escapes in the first ten minutes. A couple of dangerous raids by the Young Sports, and the Customs were at it again. If there was luck Young Sports enjoyed it—in a full measure. Sharpe, in the Customs goal was tested for the first time in the tenth minute and was not found wanting. The Customs slackened after this and the Young Sports forced a short corner. Another corner followed, neither helped Young Sports. Husnain at right back held up De Penha, who looked all over a scorer. At the interval there was no score.

A LEAD SOUGHT

The Customs on resumption almost scored through Pinto. The clearance took Young Sports away. The Customs were in difficulties and Murzello with some luck might have beaten Sharpe. At the other end Feroze threw away an opening, failing to get to a delightful cross pass. The Young Sports were having anxious moments, as the Customs were fighting very hard for the lead. With ten minutes to go the exchanges were shared. Sharpe saved and then Andrade. Pressure by the Young Sport resulted in two efforts. Both were intercepted by Sharpe. Time came with the score board blank.

EXTRA TIME

A short corner for the Customs. Cohen cleared. Zincke lost a nice opportunity to score, when he delayed in striking and F. De Souza robbed him off the ball. Three more short corners came to the Customs, to no purpose. Zincke was again guilty just before the first five minutes of extra time ended, with Andrade only in the goal he hit in wide.

The concluding five minutes was a duel, but neither side could net the decider. The teams left the field without scoring, to meet again next Saturday.

Teams

YOUNG SPORTS:—M. Andrade, F. De Souza and R. Andrade; A. De Souza, Cohen and Khan; S. De Mello, Tambe, Murzello, De Penha and Fernandes.

CUSTOMS A. C.:—Sharpe, Husnain and Aslam; S. M. Khan, Brewin and Salim; Afzal, Milne, Feroze, J. Pinto and Zincke.

To-day's Game

B. P. H. A. GROUND—5-15 P.M.—G. I. P. Railway vs. Brijraj Young Men.

BOMBAY CRICKET PENTANGULAR

The following are the dates for the 1940 Bombay Pentangular Cricket Tournament:—

Hindus vs. The Rest—December 14, 15 and 16.

Muslims vs. Parsis—December 17, 18 and 19.

Europeans vs. Hindus or The Rest—December, 20, 21 and 22.

Final—December 24, 25, 26 and 27.

SPORTS PARAS

This Championship Side: Goans And Football: Puncec The Best In Europe

By OBSERVER

Eight hours after "The Bombay Chronicle" had been out this morning, giving before others, Bombay's likely side for the Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship, I was faced with thirty letters from hockey fans, all telling me of players that should have found a place in the Provincial side. If they are all correct, I dare not say no, then I am afraid the roster of hockey players is studded with stars.

Unfortunately this condemnation of a selection committee's efforts, and a grouse over the inclusion of this or that player in a representative side is nothing new; nor are Bombay hockey fans and players more prone to making a noise than those of other parts. The juice of the sour grape puckers the lips and twists the tongues of mere man no matter what activity he's engaged in. Many of our boys now face faded hopes badly. Open childish resentment against fate should not find a petty outlet. Doubtless there are plenty of things to pout about—there always are when one is disappointed, places in a team sought, partisanship rampant—but don't do it gentlemen—I mean boys. Above all, I have nothing to do with the selection of the Bombay side—for which, gauging from things around me, I should not be sorry. The correct view, however, should be let Bombay be represented by the best side, and only eleven players can play.

Puncec

Puncec is still in India and was for a long time in the news. Here is what American Lawn Tennis says about the Jugoslavian:

Puncec was by far the best of the European players in 1939. His win from Bromwich in the Davis Cup Interzone final would have given him a claim to a higher place than sixth in America's list of the ten best tennis players—if it had not been for his loss to Guernsey at Forest Hill, a loss for which there are valid excuses.

Goan Football

The Goan Community is large in Bombay and have made their mark in all spheres of sport. Not satisfied with this the community have had this year a football tournament run for them by the Grand Club of Cortolim. Though in its first year the competition is proving a great success. It is the first of its kind and in this inaugural year ten teams entered. The tourney has reached its concluding stages. The last four clubs were: the Club of Velim, the Club of Anjuna De Advogada, the Club of St. Michael Anjuna and St. John Club of Benautin. Of these the second team has been eliminated in the first semi-final. The last two clubs meet in the second semi-final on February 18, on the Cross Maidan. The finals of the tournament will be played on February 25.

"Wheatland" For India

Another fine English race horse is to be shipped to India next month. The 4-year-old English horse Wheatland has been purchased by Sir David Ezra.

Wheatland is by Trigo—Undaunted. He had nine outings in England last year. He won on three occasions and came third twice.

His wins were:

The Sandringham Foal Plate (10 furlongs). Here he carried 8—13 and finished two lengths in front of Fairfax (8—13).

At Derby, Wheatland won the Breeder's St. Leger of 1-1/2 miles. The winner carried 9—6. At Goodwood the son of Trigo won the Gordon Stakes (1-1/2 miles.)

RANJI TROPHY FINAL

Bombay Probable Venue: "Vizi" Clears U. P.'s Position

The announcement has been made that under the Rules for the Cricket Championship for India, U. P. have been given a walk-over. Hyderabad failed to turn out at Benares on February 10.

It means that U. P. will now meet the winners of the Southern Punjab and Maharashtra match, which is being played at Poona on February 17, 18, 19 and 20.

This will be the final of the Ranji Trophy, which, in all probability, will be staged at Bombay. The probable dates for the match will be round about February 24.

The U. P.—Hyderabad incident is touched upon by the Maharaj Kumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram, of the United Provinces Cricket Association in a statement. He says:

"I owe it to the public to clarify the position of the United Provinces in regard to the penultimate round of the Ranji Trophy Tournament. The Board of Control having originally fixed January 27 for this round asked us, for the sake of Hyderabad, to agree to play on February 4 at Benares. We acquiesced. But Hyderabad failed to come and once again, the Board asked us to adjourn the match for February 10. In deference to the Board's wishes, we agreed, although it meant to us insurmountable difficulties and unnecessary expenses. The Hyderabad Association have wired to say that owing to Moharram they cannot come on February 10. They further state that they had lodged a protest with the Board contending that they would not play outside Hyderabad. This contention is entirely between Hyderabad and the Board. Our position is that, under the circumstances explained above, we are under no obligation, moral or legal, to play this penultimate round and I have referred the matter to the Board, saying that under the Rules we are entitled to claim a walk-over and are eligible to play in the final."

BOSE BEATS MICHELMORE

CALCUTTA, (By Mail.)

In the final of the men's singles of the Shambazar open lawn tennis tournament, Dilip Bose beat W. H. S. Michelmore, 6—3, 7—5, 6—4.

Unmask your real beauty

It may seem incredible that you are literally hiding your real beauty under a mask, but it's probably true! The fact is that Nature intended the outer surface of your skin to be constantly though imperceptibly falling away to reveal the lovely fresh skin that is always growing underneath. Constant make-up and modern conditions prevent this natural process, however, and so a mask of lifeless cuticle gradually forms to hide your real loveliness. Nature, therefore, needs your help—and here is the way to give it. Each night gently massage you. face and neck with a little pure Mercolized Wax. Mercolized Wax has the peculiar property of imperceptibly dissolving away the tiny particles of dead skin while you sleep, and leaving the lighter-coloured beautiful, young skin underneath clear and unimpaired. But be sure to ask your chemist, store or bazaar for pure Mercolized Wax (containing no animal fat). No ordinary cream will bring the same result.

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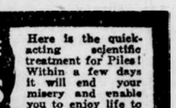

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Fourth Day Of Big Meeting

ACCEPTERS, WEIGHTS AND ORDER OF RUNNING FOR SATURDAY'S NINE EVENTS

The following are the Accepters, Weights and Order of Running for the Fourth Day of the Bombay Big Meeting to be run at Mahaluxmi, on Saturday, February 17:—

To be ridden by Riding Boys and Apprentice Jockeys on even terms.

Poppy Day 9-2; Nur Jehan 9-0; Star of Kashmir 8-9; Change of Luck 8-7; Flourishing Queen 8-7; Fire Fly 8-4; No Trumps 8-6; Zain ul Muluk 8-6; Fair Play 8-6; Dahman Fadhil 8-5; Dahman Suri 8-3 Silver Star 814 Aziza 8-4; Astafer Allah 8-2; Gold Deposit 8-2; Moonstone 7-13; Mujbil Hamid 7-13; Dalli al Irak 7-13; Fahad Pasha 7-9; Silver Mine 7-9.

Harbour Light 9-4; Jayant 8-12; Rathavon 7-4; Black Magic 8-9; Rose Apple 8-4; Final Dash 8-4; Eager Tit 8-2; Merry Pass 8-0; Shermount 7-12; Hue d'Or 7-7.

Bell Boy 9-7; The Captain 9-7; King's Wine 9-2; Rockaway 8-11; Blue Tinsel 8-9; Formosa 8-0; Dimples 7-11; Ironside 7-11; Potato Jones 7-9; Pratap 7-9; Fancy Glen 7-9; Welfare 7-7; Turf King 7-7; Blue Bonnet 7-7; Vikramsinha 7-4.

Veiled Prophet 9-4; What's What 8-11; Britebeard 8-11; Pearl Queen 8-5; Shankarprasad 8-3; Multyfarnham 8-3 Red Gold 8-3; Fresh Kid 8-2; Aftalon 8-0; Pompom 7-12; Marina 7-10; Aquafortis 7-9; Hassina 7-7.

Steel Helmet 9-4; Dominic 9-4; Terror 8-12; Panaster 8-12; Spadassin 8-10; Passepasse II 8-9; Gipsy-Jack 8-9; Delphi 7-4; Desert Night 8-4; Earnest 8-0; Tetrazone 8-2; Flying Orders 8-0; Solmint 8-2; Giftlaw 8-2; Synagogue 7-4; Coeur de Lion 8-1; His Lordship 8-0; Royal Romance 7-11; Far West 7-9; National Flag 7-7; Shivaji the Great 7-7.

Finalist 9-8 Multissimo 9-1; One I Love 9-1; Dominic 8-13; Cave Man 8-13; Gay Talkie 8-7; Oceanus 8-7; Maratha Emperor 8-3; The Prince 8-3.

Dightena Valley 9-2; Terrace 8-13; Ganymede 8-13; Golden Link 8-8; Galahad Star 8-6; Tipperary 8-6; Mythical Monk 8-4; Sir Robin 8-2; Lord Byron 8-0; Dabbs 8-0; Nexus 7-11; Time Marches On 7-7.

Ticanto 9-0; Maratha Emperor 9-0; Cash Book 7-9; Leander 8-13; Dinah's Son 8-13; Blandstar 8-13; Son of Lore 8-9; Bachelor's Bard 8-12; Usk 8-12; Let Slip 8-11; Maroc 8-6; Budapest 8-6; Le Duc 8-6; My Billy 8-5; Glanely 8-4; Masque 8-2; Tall Story 8-0; Garden Warbler 7-9; Bastiin 8-0; Houdini 7-11.

Fadhilat al Hawa 10-2; Reformer 7-12; Seventh Heaven 9-11; Sarkhat 8-3; Prince Hilal 9-0; Taj al Farat 8-8; Kolhapur 8-8; Great Star 8-2; Bahar Neel 8-2; Walk Over 7-10; Majid Pasha 7-9; White Flower 7-7; Thousand Dollars 7-7; Taj Subhan 7-4; Burgess 7-4.

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IN HEROIC RESISTANCE

FINNS CLAIM TO HAVE BEATEN BACK "REDS"

It Is, However, Pointed Out Russians Have Gained Some Ground: But To Break Mannerheim Line Is No Easy Job

STOCKHOLM, February 15.

At the opening of the third week of the Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line, the Finns are fighting with something like religious fervour which seems to be lending them strength beyond ordinary powers of endurance.

A Finnish officer, who has returned from the front, says the army has undergone a striking change of spirit since the beginning of the war. The heavier the fighting, the greater the unity.

VAIN ATTEMPT TO ADVANCE

Attempts by Russians to advance over ice towards the banks of the Mannerheim Line have apparently met with disaster. The Finns put up a hail of shells, throwing men and tanks through ice into water

Although the Russians are now installed at the advanced posts on the Summa Front, they are still faced with about ten miles of continuous block-houses, tank traps and other formidable defences.

It is pointed out that while the Russians have gained some ground, they have still about ten miles of tank traps, machinegun nests and pill boxes to penetrate before they can hope to break the line.

FINNISH CLAIM

A Finnish 'Communique' announces that enemy attacks continue on all fronts on which Russian losses total over 4,000. The Russians tried to advance over the ice on the gulf of Finland, but were repulsed.

Ice attacks near Muolajervi resulted in the enemy losing 1,000 dead, while 13 tanks were destroyed.

Finnish troops successfully resisted attack after attack in Taipale Sector. It is estimated that the enemy losses here amount to 2,500.

The 'Communique' also states that in the Summa Sector Finnish troops successfully defended against all enemy attacks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked on several occasions, but all attacks were driven back. The Finnish troops destroyed or seized about a hundred convoy units, principally comprising provisions.

Finnish coastal batteries on the Karelian Isthmus successfully repulsed all attempts by the enemy to cross the ice and destroyed a considerable number of detachments. The Finnish Air Force successfully attacked enemy troop concentrations and provision depots.

According to confirmed reports, 16 enemy planes were shot down and one bomber was forced down in Finnish territory.

Finns Praying For Snowfall

A Stockholm report says:—

Four regiments of tanks, it is stated, are being used by the Russians on the Isthmus, 150 at Muola and 250 at Summa.

The Finnish General Staff claim that half the total number of Russian tanks so far used have already been put out of action. The remainder of the tanks are, however, able to advance without land obstacles in the Summa Sector where certain amount of open ground is covered with snow which trampled down and frozen hard.

Bombs as well as shells are still being showered on the Isthmus and on one Finnish coastal port on Lake Ladoga. The Russians dropped 500 bombs without gaining a single hit. The Finns are now praying for a heavy fall of snow which would cripple Russian activity on land and in the air and give Finnish soldiers breathing space.

Russia is using men from a wide area and recently prisoners have come from the Turkish border.

HAND TO HAND FIGHT

A Helsinki message says:—The violence of Russian attacks on the Karelian Isthmus showed signs of falling off slightly on Wednesday but bitter hand to hand fighting had taken place in the trenches, the Finns using their "Pukkas"—traditional knives—with deadly effect.

The Finnish Headquarters describe the fighting at Summa as "fiercer than in any battle during the World War". The piles of Russian dead before the Finnish lines rose higher and higher.

FINNISH COUNTER-ATTACKS

The Finnish counter-attacks which have been more frequent of late indicate that the approved tradition of defence in depth is being observed, says Reuter's Military Correspondent.

The principle upon which all such defence schemes are built is to enable a counter-attack to be launched when the enemy has penetrated to a certain deoth. His effort has then less drive and his flanks are exposed. For the attacked this is the most difficult phase of a battle and reports indicate that despite the smallness of their numbers the Finns are taking the fullest advantage of their tactical opportunities.

The number of tanks reported to have been captured or destroyed points to the success of these manoeuvres.

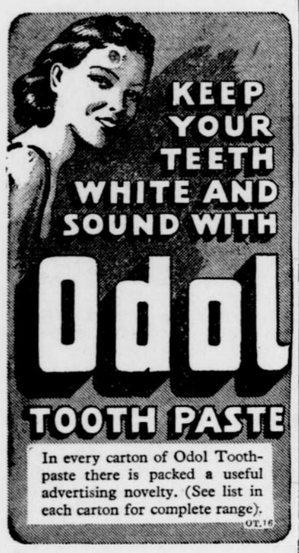
MORE MEN CALLED TO COLOURS

A Berlin message says: A dispatch from Helsinki reports that posters appeared in the streets to-day calling to colours men of the 1897 class (second line reserve). They must report for duty on Tuesday.

The dispatch adds that 23 classes have now been called up.

PERMISSION REFUSED

A Berne message says: Many Swiss are asking permission to enrol in the Finnish Army, but the Swiss military authorities point out that this is forbidden. —Reuter.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Hero Of 'Graf Spee' Battle

LONDON, Feb. 15.

The cruiser "Exeter" arrived in Plymouth and was given a tumultuous ovation.

H. M. S. "Exeter" bearing the scars of the battle with the "Graf Spee" in the Plate battle slowly and triumphantly sailed into Plymouth waters this morning to welcoming hoots and ships sirens and the full-throated cheering of masses of people lining the waterfront.

Soon after daybreak the "Exeter" dropped her anchor in the sound and as soon as the news spread, thousands of people went to the famous Plymouth Boe and assembled by the statue of Drake and began their long, tumultuous and hearty welcome to Britain's most modern sea heroes.

The "Exeter" was no longer the graceful and tallmasted cruiser that set forth before the war. Evidence of her battle with the "Graf Spee" was in her shortened masts and newly painted gunturets.

CHURCHILL TAKES SALUTE

Mr. Winston Churchill took the salute, from Mount Wise with Sir John Simon beside him, as the "Exeter" piloted by a tug "rounded the headland. A bugler on Mount Wise sounded the salute and the "Exeter" responded with three rousing cheers and Mr. Churchill whipped off his hat.

With "Exeter's" band playing the "Rule Britannia" in which the thousands ashore joined in sirens and hooters of every craft in the vicinity added to the terrific volume of welcome.

Mr. Churchill later boarded the "Exeter"

SHADES OF DRAKE AND RALEIGH

Mr. Churchill addressing officers and men aboard congratulated them upon the fortune which had enabled them to fight the action in the old style instead of a long and intricate struggle with mines, U-Boats and such of their comrades aging. When you came up the river in the morning entered the harbour and saw crowds cherring on the bank, one may have almost thought there of other spectators in the great shades of the past carrying us back to Drake, Raleigh and the great seadogs of olden times. If their spirits brooded on this scene, you would be entitled to tell them "We, your descendants, still make war and have not forgotten the lessons you have taught us".

Mr. Churchill said they faced the future in a spirit of serious resolve. They and their gallant ship were back to cheer the hearts of their fellow-countrymen. "You come back with your work notably and faithfully accomplished in a worthy cause with your honours gathered and your duty done".—Reuter.

The third annual Inspection Parade of the Fire Salvage Association of Bombay was held at Sewri, on Thursday, when Mr. C. R. C. Gardiner, Chairman of the Association, presided.

Among those present were J. A. W. Leith, Mr. Kupps, Mr. Haslam, representatives of several trade and insurance organisations and others.

2,000 Britishers To Fight For Finland

LONDON, Feb. 15.

More than 2,000 British men have volunteered to fight for Finland.—Reuter.

Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Thursday.

PICKNIKERS' BITTER EXPERIENCE.

A party of ten persons apparently on pleasure bent, set out early morning from Ballard Pier on Sunday last and had a glorious time in the picturesque island of Uran.

After having a good time at Uran the party after sunset requisitioned the services of a country craft and left for Bombay On reaching Apollo Bunder, one of the party counted the picnic party and exclaimed "Oh, where is Naik."

Another shouted "where is our friend. . . "

Two members of the party were found missing and there was no trace of them.

Yesterday the police found the body of a person floating near Apollo Bunder in a highly decomposed state. He is said to be Jayasingh T. Naik, one of the missing man. His body was removed to the morgue and identified.

The police are still searching for the other person.

Alleged Attempt To Murder

A love affair between an 18-year old girl, and a youth came to a tragic end on Tuesday afternoon at about 1-30 p.m. When the girl is alleged to have been thrown from the window of her lover's room on the first floor of a building at Sankli Street, Byculla.

It was stated that the romance had started when they were neighbours on the first floor of Fanaswala Building, at Sankli Street, Byculla.

The girl's parents shifted to another place. But the girl it is stated continued to visit her friend.

On Tuesday afternoon the girl along with her four-year old brother, it is stated went to her lover's place, when the whole drama it was stated, took an unexpected turn.

It was further stated that the suspect was seen entering his room accompanied by the girl and her four year old brother. Subsequently the girl was picked up in the gutter at the rear of the building in an unconscious condition.

From the marks on the wall and the window shades it was suspected that she had fallen from the suspect's room.

The suspect's room was closed and bolted. It was forced open by the police and the windows were all found to be not only closed but latched. In the room a pair of 'chappals' that the girl, had been wearing was found. There was no sign of accused, who was last seen by neighbours on the first floor locking his door.

The girl's brother was with the suspect at that time and was crying. The boy was examined and from his statement and circumstantial evidence the police it is alleged gathered that the suspect had sexual intercourse with girl then threw her out of the window and finally locked and bolted doors and windows and then left the room with the small boy whom he left on the footpath near the building.

The girl was removed to the hospital, where she has been lying since in a precarious condition.

Abbas Abdul-Baki, the suspect, was arrested by the Nagpada police, on a charge of attempt to murder, and was placed before Mr. D. S. Babreker, Presidency Magistrate, to-day, at Mazagaon Court, and was ordered to be remanded into police custody till February 29.

POLICE WARNS CYCLISTS

"Cycle owners are advised in their own interests to lock their cycles or securely fasten them before leaving them unattended" this advice is being given by the police to all the cycle owners of the city in view of all alarming increase of cycle thefts.

The police allege that there are many shady second hand dealers of cycles in the city, who receive the stolen cycles and have them transformed beyond recognition. This makes the detection of thefts very difficult and hence the present warning to the cycle dealers.

SUICIDE VERDICT ON RETIRED I. M. S. OFFICER

The dramatic circumstances in which Lt.-Col. Halliday, a retired I.M.S. officer was found in his bathroom with a gun-shot wound which, after passing through his head, had pierced the ceiling, were narrated to the Coroner's jury at the inquest to-day.

Mrs. Halliday in a statement said that the deceased once told her that he would commit suicide but did not give any reason. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

The officer was removed to the J. J. Hospital on Wednesday night.

Miss Margareta Rinardo, a companion of Mrs. Halliday, deposed at the beginning of the inquest that they all came from Poona on January 31.

Yesterday she heard heavy breathing coming from the bathroom which was bolted from inside. She called the cook who put his ear to the door and said that "Master was making noise." She then called out to the deceased but there was no response.

When the servant forced open the door according to Mrs Halliday's request, she saw deceased lying unconscious in a pool of blood.

An automatic pistol was found lying on the floor near him. She also noticed a hole in the ceiling above.

"No Troubles Of Any Sort"

The witness added that she never heard the Colonel saying that he would take his life. To her knowledge, he had no troubles of any sort as he was getting a pension.

Sub-Inspector Hale read the statement of Mrs. Halliday to the jury in which she mentioned that she had heard him once saying that he would commit suicide. He did not give his reasons

CASE AGAINST BOMBAY M.L.A.

The case in which Mr. Namdeo Rao Budhaji Rao Patil, a Bombay M.L.A. and four others, including two singing girls are charged under Bombay Abkari Act came up for further hearing before Mr. T. T. Barodawala, Presidency Magistrate of Girgaum Police Court to-day.

Mr. C. K. Daftary argued the case on behalf of the prosecution.

RAILWAY COMPANY TO PAY DAMAGES

What Amounts To Misconduct?

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sen).

B. B. & C. I. Rly ..... Petitioners (Original Defendants).

v.

N. G. Contractor ..... Opponent (Original Plaintiff).

This was a Civil Revision application from the decision of the Court of Small Causes at Ahmedabad which passed a decree in favour of the opponent for Rs. 439-10-8 with interest and costs.

The opponent had got consigned 272 bags of limestone at Gotan station to be delivered at Asarwa at a specially reduced rate at the owner's risk under the terms of a risk note. The Railway Company's liability was therefore governed not by Sections 151 and 152 of the Indian Contract Act but by the risk note which constituted the Special Contract between the parties. Under the terms of the said risk note the Railway Company was absolved from all liability except such as arose from misconduct on their part.

The train arrived at Sabarmati Station on 22nd June, 1937, and while it was detained there overnight the limestone was damaged by rain water and smoke issued therefrom. The goods had burnt away.

On evidence, the Subordinate Judge found that the doors were neither closed nor sealed nor riveted and that this negligence of the Railway Company amounted to misconduct within the terms of the risk note for which they were liable in damages.

His Lordship said that all His Lordship had to satisfy himself about was whether the lower court had correctly understood the meaning of the word "misconduct" in respect of railway officials under the circumstances of the case. The Lower Court had believed the Plaintiff's evidence that the doors were found to be open. That, in his lordship's opinion, amounted to misconduct which was the direct cause of the damage.

His Lordship therefore agreed with the Lower Court and dismissed the petition with costs.

Mr H. D. Thakore appeared for the Petitioners.

Mr. C. K. Shah appeared for the Opponent.

Late Mr. K. H. Vakil

Mr. J. M. Ahivasi, Vice-President, Association of Young Artists', Bombay, writes:—

It is a matter of great regret that the late Sjt. Kanaiyalal H. Vakil, who sacrificed his life for the services of artists and Art, until his last days, is forgotten by his friends and the art-loving public. Did he ever take any pride for his services? It is just like 'Mukh dekheki prit'.

Days, months and years have passed away! And the cycle of time will forget him for ever if we are not awakened, and will not take the necessary step! Are we so ungrateful! I appeal to his friends and the artists and the art-loving public to raise a permanent memorial to his memory as early as possible.

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The Programme for the Third Day, Bombay Races, advertised to be run on 18th February will now be run on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

WAR AFFECTS PORT TRUST BUDGET

Provision For Dearness Allowance For Employees: Works Curtailed To Conserve Cash Resources: Lower Receipt Estimates For Next Year

At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on Tuesday, the Budget Estimates for the year 1940-41 and Revised Estimates for the current year were approved for submission to Government.

The Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, as passed, are:—

	1939-10	1940-41
	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts	2,66,35,500	2,62,05,600
Expenditure	2,63,91,100	2,60,66,200
Estimated surplus	2,44,400	1,39,400

The Trustees also decided at the same meeting to extend up to 31st March 1941 the rebates of rents of leaseholds and other tenancies, which were introduced from 1st October 1933 as a temporary measure owing to trade depression. The value of this concession to Port Trust lessees and tenants during the year 1938-39 amounted to Rs. 4 18 lakhs.

REVISED ESTIMATES, 1939-40

The actual receipts for 1938-39 on the General Account amounted to Rs. 233.46 lakhs; and the Budget Estimates for 1939-40 were placed at Rs. 230.04 lakhs. The actual trade receipts for 1939-40 for the 9 months. April-December, are, however, higher than those for the corresponding period of 1938-39 to the extent of Rs. 6.64 lakhs.

The total volume of imports and exports of the Port during the 9 months, April-December, 1939, was 3,346,000 tons as compared with 3,615,000 tons or a gain of 231,000 tons over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

A study of the monthly returns since the outbreak of the War does not however, reveal any definit trend which can serve as a guide as to the probable receipts for the remaining 3 months of the financial year. In view however of a definite fall in recent exports of oilseeis and imports and exports of cotton it would be safer to assume a slight drop in revenue for those 3 months as compared with the corresponding period of the last year. Taking those receipts with the actuals accrued up to the end of December 1939, the Revised Estimates for 1939-40 are placed at Rs. 236.46 lakhs or Rs. 3 lakhs higher than the actuals of 1938-39.

The original Budget Estimates for 1939-40 provided for an expenditure on General Account of Rs. 229.27 lakhs. The revised estimates amount to Rs. 234.01 lakhs, an increase of Rs. 4.74 lakhs.

It will be observed that the largest increase is under Bunders and Land which is due to the Urban Immovable Property Tax (assessed at Rs. 2.17 lakhs) proposals regarding which will shortly be placed before the Board.

WAR ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

On the estimates as stated above, there is a surplus of Rs. 2.44 lakhs on the General Account for the current year 1939-40, subject to such reduction as may be necessary on account of any War allowance that may be sanctioned by the Board. Petitions have been received from the lower-paid staff for an allowance on account of the present high cost of living and proposals in that behalf will be placed before the Board shortly.

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1940-41

It is difficult to forecast the effect of the War on the trade of the Port during the next year. The present monetary conditions in India are considered to be sound and favourable to trade. If the War continues, the demand for raw produce should improve; on the other hand receipts from imports might conceivably fall.

On the whole it would be safe to assume that the receipts for 1940-41 will not reach the levels of 1938-39. The estimate for 1940-41 is accordingly placed at Rs. 230.75 lakhs or about Rs. 3 lakhs less than the actuals of 1938-39.

EXPENDITURE

As compared with the Revised Estimates of Rs 234.01 lakhs, the estimates for the next year aggregate Rs. 229.35 lakhs, a reduction of Rs. 4.66 lakhs.

WORKING RESULT

The foregoing estimates result in a small surplus of Rs. 1.39 lakhs on General Account subject, as stated above, to adjustment on account of any War allowance that may be sanctioned by the Board.

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

In the Budget Estimates for the current year 1939-40 provision was made for an expenditure of Rs. 11.21 lakhs. Owing to anticipated difficulties in obtaining material from abroad under the present conditions and with a view to conserving cash resources as far as possible some of the works have been deferred.

The largest single item in the Estimates is Rs. 6.14 lakhs for the purchase of the Gun Carriage Basin. Excluding this item the programme of works for the new year amounts to the modest figure of Rs. 5.18 lakhs.

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SHAMBHU SANKAR TO FAST UNTO DEATH?

Mahatmaji And Sardar Patel Informed Of His Serious Condition

(From Our Correspondent)
BHAVNAGAR, Feb. 15

Mr. Shambhu Sankar, the Palitana worker who had commenced a twenty-one days' fast has now declared his intention to prolong it unto death as a result of the alleged breaking of promise by the Thakore and Dewan.

Bhavnagar Municipal President, Dr. Thakkar, who is the brother of Thakkar Bapa, and Mr. Gangabhai Vakil visited him yesterday and found his condition serious. Mr. Shambhu Sankar, although weakening rapidly, is very cheerful. He is staying at the village of Charodia. Mahatmaji has been informed of the seriousness of the situation. It is understood that Mr. Dhebar has furnished Mahatmaji and Sardar Patel with details after visiting Mr. Shambhu Sankar.

GANDHIJI ASKS TO BE LEFT ALONE

Hears Nagpur Municipal Dispute

NAGPUR, Feb. 14.

He should not be bothered with municipal matters, but allowed to tackle Lord Zetland. This is what Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have told a deputation of fifteen members of the Congress Municipal Party, Nagpur, headed by Mr P.M. Naidu, Vice-President, who waited on him in connection with dissensions in the Party and the orders of the Nagpur P.C.C. asking all the 31 members of the Party to resign membership of the Municipality.

Mahatma Gandhi gave a patient hearing and felt sorry at the state of affairs. He could not interfere in the matter, he said, as it was customary with him to deal with such matters, only when they were referred to him by the Working Committee. Besides he had more important things to do. He, however, advised the Deputationists to get in touch with the Congress President and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee. The members on return from Wardha tried to get in telephonic touch with Sardar Patel, but not finding him in Bombay, they are preparing an appeal against the orders of the P.C.C. They are also approaching the A.I.C.C. to issue stay orders against the decision of the P.C.C. asking them to resign.—A. P.

WHY KISAN PRISONERS WERE PUNISHED

Hunger-strike Considered Serious Breach Of Jail Discipline

PATNA, Feb. 14.

Hunger striking by prisoners is a serious breach of jail discipline and makes the offenders liable to prosecution under Section 52 of the Prisoners Act. Government consider it necessary to enforce discipline and the strikers have accordingly been punished under the Prisoners Act as has been done on several occasions in the past, says a press note with regard to hunger-strike by a number of Kisan prisoners in Chaibassa Jail.

The note contradicts reports about the hunger-strike appearing in certain sections of the press and gives the facts of the hunger-strike as follows:

Some Kisan prisoners in Chaibassa Jail did go on hunger-strike for two or three days at the end of December last as a protest against the decisions of Government not to transfer them to another jail. But there has been no hunger-strike since the first of January.

Government made their decision after satisfying themselves that the arrangements at Chaibassa are adequate and suitable and that the health of the prisoners was not being injuriously affected by confinement there—A P.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. Krishnaji Waman Raje, Office Superintendent, General Stamp Office, Bombay, is appointed to officiate as Assistant Superintendent of Stamps, vice Rao Saheb, S. M. Parikh, proceeding on leave.

A post of officer on special duty in the Motor Vehicles Department, Bombay, in connection with the administration of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 has been created and Mr. C. H. Reynolds of the Indian Police is to hold it.

Mr. T. K. Tukol, Second Class, Second Grade, Subordinate Judge is confirmed in that post.

Mr. R. U. Patel has been confirmed as Warden of Weights and Measures, Department of Industries, Bombay, from 1st April 1940.

Mr. E. B. Patell, officiating Junior Assistant Secretary to Government, General and Educational Departments, to officiate as Senior Assistant Secretary to Government, General and Educational Departments, vice Rao Bahadur V. V. Nadkarni, appointed as officiating Deputy Secretary to Government.

Mr. G. Morais, Assistant Professor of History at the St. Xavier's College, Bombay, to do part of Mr. Patwardhan's work at the Elphinstone College, Bombay.

Mr. P. S. Rege, Officiating Lecturer in Economics at the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay to do the remaining part of Mr. Patwardhan's work at the Elphinstone College, Bombay, in addition to his own duties.

AHMEDABAD LAW STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES

Plea For Conducting Supplementary Exams.

The students of the First LL.B. (Old course) of Sir Lallubhai Law College, Ahmedabad, have sent a letter to the Registrar, University of Bombay, praying:—

"That at least two more supplementary examinations be held under the old course both for the First and Second LL.B. after April 1940 and April 1941 respectively.

"We pray in the alternative that the unsuccessful candidates under the old course be given liberty to fill in their terms for the 2nd LL.B. old course notwithstanding their failure so that those of them who are unsuccessful at the examination held in October, 1940 under the New rules can appear after attendance for one more term in the April, 1941 examination of the 2nd LL.B. old course.

"That in any event the necessity for Chamber Practice and the appearance at the Bar Council Examination be dispensed with in the case of students who have joined the old course on or before June 1939."

"Our Countrymen Abroad"

PLEA FOR ABOLITION OF TODDY SHOPS

The Secretary, Indians Overseas Department, All India Congress Committee, Allahabad, writes:—

The following resolution put from the Chair and seconded by Mr. A. Gratian, was unanimously passed at the first Annual General Meeting of the Indian Association, Muar.

"That the Indian Association, Muar, strongly feels about the drink evil prevalent among Indian labourers in Malaya and appeals to the employers of Indian labour and the authorities to take early steps for the abolition of toddy shops and thus better the condition of Indian labourers, and that the Secretary be authorized to forward copies of this resolution to the authorities and employers of Indian labour."

Demand Council Representation

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Kinta Indian Association held at the Association premises last week with Mr. S. M. Sharma in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"This extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Kinta Indian Association records its profound regret that the Government of Perak has for several years not appointed an Indian member to the Perak State Council; numerically the Indians in Perak form the second largest community and economically they have considerable stakes and interests. The other communities in the State, such as Malays, Chinese, Ceylonese and Europeans continue to be represented."

SUMMONS SERVED ON SOCIALISTS

PATNA, Feb. 15.

The City Magistrate of Patna has issued summons to Messrs. Rambriksh Benipuri, Ali Asraf, Mahamad Reza and Jagdish, Socialists, directing them to appear before him to-day to answer a charge under Sec. 32 of the Police Act.

It is alleged that they took out a procession on January 26 last in connection with the celebration of the Independence Day without licence.—United Press.

Kidnapped Man Released

PESHAWAR, Feb. 15.

Mashgul Peshawari, a businessman, who was kidnapped from Bizankhel in Bannu District on December 31 last, was released yesterday without payment of ransom.—United Press

Maihar People's Demands

JUBBULPORE Feb. 14.

In formulating their demands and submitting the same to the Raja Saheb of Maihar, a State in the Central India States' Agency, the representatives of the State's people have requested the Raja Saheb to establish a representative council to enact bills and frame the budget of the State and reduce the present rate of the land revenue.—United Press.

Communal Weekly

"Progress", described as "An Islamic Weekly", published from Bombay, is a characteristic example of Communalist journalism. Unfortunately there are such papers published by unthinking members of all the communities as is evident from some of the extracts published under the heading "Non-Muslim Views And News." Like all other evils, communalism begets communalism.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST PATNA STUDENTS

Echo Of Independence Day Celebration

(From Our Correspondent)
PATNA, Feb. 14.

Summons have been issued against two leaders of the students of Patna for having led processions on Independence Day without license.

These two students are Muslims and their names are Ali Ashraf and Raja Hussain Nasrul Imam, son of the late Sir Ali Imam.

Students who participated in the Independence Day celebrations are also asked to apologise or they would not be allowed to appear for University examinations.

FIGHT OVER CONGRESS ELECTIONS

(From Our Correspondent.)
ALLLAHABAD, February 14.

A serious fight it is reported occurred at one polling station in connection with Congress delegates bye-election in Manihaipur Tehsil. Several people were injured, some seriously.

The balot box of another polling station is said to be missing.

In another bye-election one Parmanand, who had lost in the original election, has now won by a comfortable majority.

It will be recalled the Electional Tribunal recently set aside two elections here and more complaints are under investigation.

MAGHMELA AT ALLAHABAD

Support For Removal Of Untouchability

(From Our Correspondent)
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 14.

The annual session of the Allahabad District Hindu Sabha was held here last evening in Maghmela Raja Beni Madho Prasad Singh of Bijaipur (Mirzapur District) presided.

Raja Beni Madho Prasad in his presidential address regretted that Hindu Congress workers felt shy of calling themselves Hindus. Late Moulana Muhammadali ex-President of the Congress used to proclaim that he was a Muslim first and anything else afterwards. The President supported anti-untouchability movement. The Conference passed several resolutions one of them declared compromise between Congress and British Government, neglecting Hindu Mahasabha would not be acceptable to Hindus.

Another resolution condemned the mentality of Mr. Jinnah demanding divisions of Hindustan.

Other resolutions condemned atrocities on Hindus of Sukkur and requested Government to make adequate military arrangements for protection of Hindus on Frontier.

Assam Ministers To Get Bigger Salaries

SHILLONG, Feb. 14.

The Assam Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1940, which proposes to repeal the Ministers Salaries Act, 1939, provides for the Prime Minister a salary of Rs. 1,750 and house allowance Rs. 125

Each of the other Ministers shall receive Rs. 750 per mensem and house and car allowances according to the rate fixed for the Prime Minister.—A. P.

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Viceroy Must Summon Constituent Assembly

Council Of State Member's Demand: Governors And Executive Head Of India Govt. Must Be Elected Under Federation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

Mr. Kumarsankar Ray Chowdhury has given notice of a resolution in the Council of State recommending to the Governor-General in Council to summon at the earliest possible date a Constituent Assembly composed of the members of the various legislative bodies in British India Central and Provincial and such bodies in the Indian States, wherever they exist, and 50 representatives of the Indian Princes and 50 representatives chosen by various labour organisations existing in India to frame a Federal Constitution for the full and absolute self-government of India in consultation with 10 representatives of the British Government and to place a draft constitution based on the following principles before it for its consideration and ratification, namely:—

That there shall be a fully and absolutely autonomous federal constitution for the whole of India in which the spheres of activities of the Central and Provincial Governments should as at present be clearly defined and made independent of each other with all residuary powers vested in the Central Government.

That addition to or redistribution of territories between contiguous provinces shall be the concern of the Central Government and shall be given effect to on linguistic and ethnological grounds only if the majority of the population of the territory concerned so desires.

ELECTED GOVERNOR-GENERAL

That the Governor-General of India should be elected by the members of the various legislative bodies, Central and Provincial, existing in the whole of India sitting together and shall hold office for four years and shall be the head of the executive government of India presiding over the Central Cabinet and having a casting vote in its deliberations. He shall also have the right to veto all legislative measures exercisable only once and the right to dissolve the provincial legislature for six months at his discretion. He shall further have the power to enact any law lasting only six months or to do any act to maintain order and tranquillity in the province or to safeguard the interest of the minority communities.

NEW ROLE OF STATE RULERS

That the Indian Chiefs should be the heriditary Governors of their territories and hold similar position and powers as the Governors of provinces of the present British Indian territories.

UNI-CAMERAL PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

That the Central Legislature will be composed of two Houses with equal powers and sitting together in case of difference of opinion and the Provincial legislatures will be constituted on a uni-cameral basis, all with a life of five years. The Upper House of the Central Legislature will be elected by the various provincial legislatures in proportion to the population of the provinces. The Lower House of the Central Legislature and the Provincial Legislatures will be composed on an economic basis (uniform in the case of all the provinces) giving representation to agricultural, commercial, industrial and intellectual interests in proportion to their contribution to the coffers of the State by way of direct taxation and equal representation to capital and labour in each of the above four interests treating those who pay income-tax or land revenue or a definite amount of cess as capitalists and others who do not, as labour.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION

That communal representation in proportion to actual voting strength on a joint electorate basis will be granted to different religious communities, should any of them so desire in each of the above four economic classes.

That a declaration of the right of the people to freedom of person, property, association, speech and representation, except on conviction after trial according to law, to equal status in the eye of the law for all and to equal chances for and opportunities in State and 'quasi-State' employments subject to minimum qualification test keeping in view religious and social differences shall be embodied and made inviolable in the Constitution.—United Press.

Anything up to three or four million extra women may be required for munitions work. This is the view of a group of women members of Parliament, representing all parties and led by Lady Astor, who today put it before Government in a memorandum which they handed to the financial secretary to the treasury.

A group photo of a section of lady students who appe ared at the various Hindi examinations of the Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth.

SIND POSER FOR JINNAH?

Leaguers Ask Permission To Dissolve Assembly Party

KARACHI, Feb 15.

It is understood that Khan Bahadur Khuro, Leader of the Moslem League Group in the Assembly has wired to Mr. Jinnah seeking permission to negotiate with other groups in the Assembly with a view to formation of an alternative ministry.

It is stated that K. B. Khuro has particularly asked for permission to dissolve the Moslem League Group in the Assembly if the local situation so warranted so as to smoothen the way for harmonious working between the groups.

According to lobby talks K B Khuro has indicated his willingness provided the necessary response was forthcoming from other groups, to adopt a progressive policy more or less on the lines of the Congress policy so as to make it possible for other groups to offer co-operation.

Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani and Mr Hemandas Wadhwani, ex-Ministers, on behalf of the Hindu Party and the Independents met Mr. Khuro and Syed Shaik Abdul Majid, Muslim League's spokesmen, last night to explore the possibilities of joining hands—A.P.

JINNAH BANS COALITION

KARACHI, Feb. 15.

The "United Press" learns that Mr. M. A. Jinnah, president of the All-India Muslim League, has sent a telegram to the Muslim League Party in the Sind Assembly asking its leader not to form any Coalition Ministry with the Hindu Party.

Mr. Jinnah, it is understood, says that the Coalition will jeopardise the future of the Muslim League in Sind. He asks them to remain aloof and work for the dissolution of the Assembly.

This should seal the formation of a Nationalist Party to succeed the Allahbux Ministry.—United Press.

BHAI PARMANAND ON JINNAH'S CASE

Advises Gandhiji To Turn Congress Into Hindu Organisation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

Bhai Parmanand in a statement commenting on Mr. Jinnah's article in "Time and Tide", says:—"From the purely Muslim standpoint Mr. Jinnah's case is unanswerable. Judging from the attitude of Muslim members of the Central Assembly, who represent the Muslims of the whole of India, no other proof is needed that Mr. Jinnah represents the Muslim mind.

Mahatma Gandhi, a short time ago, in a statement, said that if Mr. Jinnah represents the Muslim mind then all the efforts of the Congress for over fifty years fail to the ground. The Congress has been dealing with the Muslim League from the very start as a representative body of the Muslims.

In 1920 Mahatma Gandhi made a compact with a section of Muslims leading the Khilafat Movement That movement has gone into liquidation and, therefore, the Muslim League comes into prominence as representative of the Muslim community in the same way as the National Congress claims to represent the whole of India.

Looking at the policy followed by the Muslim League, I have only one thing to say to Mahatma Gandhi and his friends. They should bring the National Congress into liquidation as the Khilafatists did and they should either join the Hindu Mahasabha or admit themselves to be a Hindu organisation. There is no other alternative."—A. P.

Fresh Attempt At Settlement

KARACHI, Feb. 15.

"I have no majority and for all practical purposes I am out of office. If the non-tendering of my resignation is a hitch in the formation of an alternative Ministry I will have no hesitation to remove it," declared Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier, in an interview to the "United Press."

Continuing the Premier said: 'If the Muslim League and the Hindu Independent Party come to a settlement I will not prove an impediment. I will lend, on the contrary, co-operation. Let them come together and take charge of my office. I am presently filling the gap."

Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, leader of the Hindu Party, was closeted with Khan Bahadur Allahbux, for two hours this morning.

It is inferred that a fresh attempt is being made for a settlement between the Hindus and the Premier.—United Press.

COALITION CABINET FOR PUNJAB CONGRESS

Azad's Unity Efforts Bear Fruit

LAHORE, February 15.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS UNDERSTANDS THAT AS A RESULT OF MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD'S EFFORTS A PACT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED WHEREBY DIFFERENT GROUPS IN THE PUNJAB CONGRESS HAVE AGREED TO WORK JOINTLY.

IN PURSUANCE OF THIS PACT ALL GROUPS WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE PUNJAB PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE FORMED TO-DAY.—A.P.

QUIT ORDERS DISOBEYED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

Of the 11 persons on whom orders were served yesterday ordering them to quit Calcutta and its precincts within 24 hours, two—Mr. Somnath Lahiri and Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed—disobeyed the order and were taken into police custody this morning.

Mr. Somnath Lahiri is a Bengal member of the A. I. C. C., and Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed is Vice-President of the All-India Kisan Sabha.—A. P.

LONG SPEECHES BUT NO ACTION

Failure Of Bar To Discharge Duty Deteriorates Public Life, Says Chief Justice Young

NEW DELHI, February 14.

"I believe that the future of India is largely bound up with the future of bar of this country and I hope that when the Delhi bar celebrates its centenary—a function which I may not be able to attend, there will exist in India a great bar animated with a sense of duty and public service serving a great, happy and prosperous country," said Sir Douglas Young, Chief Justice, Lahore, speaking at the meeting held this evening to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Delhi Bar Association.

"A great, honest and fearless Bar essential in India is not only to obtain but to maintain her liberties. The failure of the Indian Bar to take its proper place in India has had in my opinion a deteriorating effect upon public life."

Proceeding Sir Douglas Young said: "I am satisfied that unless the Bar Association themselves vigorously take in hand the purifying of the profession no one else, however, friendly, can do much. If I may give one example the Bar Association talk a great deal about the evil of touting, which of course affects the honesty and reputation of the Bar disastrously. Meetings are called to discuss this subject and long speeches are made but when it comes to action nothing is done."

DISGRACEFUL BUILDINGS

The Chief Justice in conclusion referred to the Delhi Courts buildings and said:—"When I first inspected the courts here five years ago I found the court buildings and offices a disgrace not merely to this imperial city but to the slum in which they were situated.

Owing to the reduction of the number of Judges which has been found possible the hired hovels in which some of the Judges on the Civil Side were forced to work have to-day been restored to their proprietors, but the rest of the courts and offices still, with few exceptions, bring the administration of justice into open contempt.

Five years ago I took the matter with the then Chief Commissioner and with the Central Government; plans were prepared and a site selected. To-day the scheme I understand has been abandoned. It is difficult to understand why this urgent and important business could not have been completed in five years.

UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

The sanitary inspectors of any civilised State would at once condemn the courts in which the Magistrates perform their important public duties and the offices in which the unfortunate clerks work must be breeding places of tuberculosis and other diseases caused by lack of light and air, and overcrowding No human being ought to be allowed to work under such conditions specially Government servants by Government.

How can the courts be held in respect when their presiding officers and servants are housed so disgracefully. Such conditions strike at the very root of the administration of justice. The administration of justice is a profitable business in this country—too profitable in my opinion—and there is no excuse for not returning, even though India is at war, some of the profits to that business.

DUAL SYSTEM WANTED

Rai Bahadur Ramkishore, President of the Delhi Bar Association in his address traced the history of the Association. He referred to some important problems facing the profession outside presidency towns, and suggested the adoption of the "dual system" which according to him would provide employment for those junior pleaders who were capable of steady and efficient work he also suggested that steps be taken to ensure the appointment of lawyers in several other offices in the courts and reservation of adequate posts of districts and sessions judges for lawyers.

Mr. Ramkishore gave an at home this afternoon when a large company was present. Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, Sir Jugdish Pershad, Sir B. L. Mitter and Lady Mitter, Sir Shah Suleman, Justice Varadachariar, Sir Maneckjee Dadabhoy, Mr. Jenkins, Chief Commissioner of Delhi, were among those present.—A. P.

INDIAN INTERESTS IN CEYLON

To Be Considered At Time Of Constitutional Reforms

LONDON, Feb. 14

In the Commons Mr. Woods asked Mr. Malcolm Macdonald whether any modification of the Donoughmore Constitution, which would adversely affect Indian interests in Ceyon, was contemplated in the revised constitution for that Colony.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald in reply said that he was not yet in a position to contemplate any particular modifications in the present constitution. The interests of all communities in Ceylon affected by constitutional reforms would be fully considered before any conclusions were reached.—Reuter.

BIHAR SOCIALISTS BACK AZAD

PATNA, Feb. 15.

In consonance with their policy of "United leadership" the Bihar Congress Socialist Party will support the candidature of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for the Congress presidential election, according to a decision arrived at a meeting of the council of action of the party held here this evening.

The Council decided to set up six candidates for the election to the A.I.C.C. membership. These include Mr. Jaiprakash Narain General Secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party and president of to-day's meeting.

The Council did not come to any decision with regard what should be its attitude towards the Anti-Compromise Conference, reported to be organised by Mr Subhas Bose during the Ramgarh Congress session week. In the opinion of the Council it was necessary to seek further clarification as regards the aims, objects and the organisation of the Conference before coming to a decision.—A.P.

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